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Preface.

THE dream of my boyhood is now fairly realized. The story of Oliver Heywood had been treasured in the minds of the Parishioners of Halifax for many generations, when it was recounted to me, -a poor orphan, bookless and friendless. I longed to hear more; borrowed Fawcett's and Slate's Memoirs of Heywood as years went by: was enraptured with Hunter's Life of him, and yet there was an aching void. Where were his MSS.? Even if I could discover them, I doubted my ability to obtain the loan of them, to satisfy my personal curiosity. The idea of being able to obtain and print them was beyond my dream. The receipt of the Northowram Register, involving a journey to London, and the jubilant return from Liverpool with the late Dr. Raffles' choice volumes were red-letter days to me. Print them, I would, though a loss should be incurred. To T. Stamford Raffles, Esq., who set the ball rolling, to I. Heywood and S. Roberts, Esquires, and to the Subscribers, whose names will be found at the close of this volume, I tender my thanks. The demand for such books as the Diaries of even so good a man as Oliver Heywood is exceedingly limited, yet the loss to me, pecuniarily, I am persuaded, can only be temporary.

Idel, Bradford,

J.H.T.

April 10th, 1885.

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^{***} The Frontispiece for Vol. III. is Rev. O. Heywood's portrait, not Coley Hall, as stated p. 6, Vol. III.

Coley Curates.*

The ministers whom Mr. Heywood found in the chapels of the parish were Mr. Root, the Independent, at Sowerby; Mr. Milner, at Sowerby-bridge, who long after succeeded Dr. Lake in the vicarage of Leeds, and, like him, refused to take the oaths to king William; at Ripponden was "cld Mr. Allen, who had been parson of Prestwich, a solid substantial preacher, who had been turned out in the war-time for not taking the Covenant; he found shelter there; they loved him well: allowed him a competent maintenance; frequently preached to them at Halifax Exercise: when the king came in in 1660, he was restored to Prestwich; lived and died there." So far we have one Independent and two sound Episcopalians. At Elland were ministers of a still different character: "old Mr. Robert Town, the famous Antinomian, who writ some books; he was the best scholar and soberest man of that judgment in the country, but something unsound in principles." At Illingworth Mr. Clarkson, "a good substantial preacher," who removed into Durham. At Luddenden Mr. Fairbank, "a solid preacher, but too much given to his cups." Of the ministers at Heptonstall and Croston, the places being remote from Coley, Mr. Heywood knew less; but Antinomian principles were there in ascendant, one of the Towns being at Heptonstall, and Richard Coore † at Croston, the author of an octavo of eight hundred pages, entitled 'A Practical Exposition of the Holy Bible,' framed in consistency with Antinomian views. These were the principles also of Mr. Taylor, the minister at Chapel-en-le-Brears, who became at length a professed Quaker. At Rastrick was Mr. Kay, "a good preacher," who removed to Dewsbury, and from thence to Leeds, where he was the Lecturer; he was a "moderate Conformist" under the Act of 1662. His successor at Rastrick was Mr. Robinson, "an old man some thing inclined to the Antinomians," who was a Non-Conformist under the Act; and lastly, at Lightcliffe, in Mr. Heywood's immediate neighbourhood, he found Mr. Ains-

^{*} Compiled from Hunter's and Slate's Accounts.

[†] Afterwards of Tong, near Birstall.

worth, of whom he says, that he was "a scholar, thitle good beside." He became preacher at the great church in Hull.

Mr. Heywood has left similar notices of the ministers who succeeded to those whom he found here before him, useful in completing the lists which are left incomplete by Mr. Watson, who is, however, to be praised for the industry with which he prosecuted his researches into the history of Halifax. I omit them in this work, not without some reluctance; but I must quote at large from Mr. Heywood's manuscripts the account which he gives of his own predecessors in the chapel at Coley; "those famous men," as he calls them, "into whose labours he had entered." We have few such accounts of the series of ministers in the lower ecclesiastical foundations. Of the early names in this list Mr. Heywood writes from the oral information of a person who was eighty-six when he conversed with Mr. Heywood in 1664.

"Particulars respecting Coley, collected by O. Heywood." The former part was written in the year 1674, and the latter,

in 1695. The following are extracts:-

"Tradition tells us, there were two sisters, never married, that lived at Priestley Green, having large estates, who built the two chapels, Coley and Lightcliffe, a mile distant from each other, and both standing in Hipperholme township; but in what year, or by what inducements they were influenced I cannot learn. Being built in popish times, possibly they were founded in superstition; but the work was good, and it is not our province to judge of motives at this distance. This I take notice of, there has been a vast discrepancy between these two chapels, considering their vicinity, both as to the ministers of the word and the manners They have scarcely ever had a good of the inhabitants. minister at Lightcliffe, since the Reformation, except one Mr. Blanks, about sixty years ago; and in the late times of liberty, Mr. Cudworth was about a year with them, but they hated him and soon got him out: the rest have been generally loose, tippling preachers; and like priest, like people. whole chapelry is much addicted to profaneness, so that Lightcliffe and Oakenshaw have been called Sodom and Author of Marrow of the Bible & Triplex Memorial, two very scarce books.

[†]Author of Marrow of the Bible & Triplex Memorial, two very scarce books. The latter I have sought for thirty years, and only just got a copy from Mr. Crossley's Library, Manchester, who never saw but this copy in sixty years' search, except an imperfect one at the Rev. Joseph Hunter's sale.

Gomorrah, and I have scarcely ever known any serious people live there. When I have gone by the place, I have often thought of the sons of the prophets, saying to Elisha, concerning Jericho, 'Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren,' 2 Kings ii. 19. This I may apply to the waters of the sanctuary and to the people, bad and barren, otherwise the place is very pleasant and fruitful. Comparing these two chapelries, so near together, I have thought of Amos iv. 7, 'I have caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not, withered.' I could tell sad stories from my own knowledge about ministers and people at Lightcliffe, but my work is not about them, therefore I shall forbear."

"To return to Coley, which has its name from Coley-Hall, near an ancient seat of the tenure commonly called St. John of Jerusalem. All the houses of this tenure* are to have a cross set up on the end of them, or else they are fineable at the court. Coley-Hall was a priory in popish times. The ministers at Coley chapel, since the Reformation in

Queen Elizabeth's days, were the following:"-

"The first preaching minister after one Sir Adamt, that was a reader at Coley, was one Mr. Nicholls, who was a good scholar, an able expositor, and did good by catechizing and expounding. His successor acknowledged that he followed him in two places and that he had laid a good foundation of knowledge in the people where he came. Yet he was addicted to drinking and company-keeping. He would have said to his companions, 'You must not heed me but when I am got three foot above the earth,' that was, into the pulpit. He removed from Coley to Thornton chapel, in Bradford parish, where he lived very many years, got a great estate, had many sons. They all proved very bad; have spent all. He died within this thirty years; was very ancient. (2.) The next that succeeded was one Mr. Gibson, a godly man and an able minister, who was tabled at the Upper Briar, and afterwards did marry his landlady, old Robert Hemingway's wife, but lived not long after that. How long he was minister here, I cannot tell. He left some plate to the chapel

^{*} Coley Chapelhouse, Gateway, and Winteredge bear crosses still.

[†] Query-Adam Morris.

that hath his name upon it, yet forthcoming, with a great silver cup gilt with gold, in the hands of Mr. Joseph Furnesse, living in Ovenden. (3.) Mr. Ralph Marsden was the next minister, a godly, orthodox and zealous minister, yet much opposed by several professors in this place, as John Lumme, Henry Northend, Michael Hesleden, &c., who never rested till they got him out. What the first occasion of the controversy was, I cannot distinctly learn, but it was probably by some sharp expressions delivered by Mr. Marsden in public, which could not be borne. One thing I have often heard, that Mr. Marsden living where widow Thorp now lives in Shelf, which then belonged to old Rhodes of Hipperholm, a prophane man, his tenant denied him the sacrament. He stormed, and gave him notice to remove; having no whither to go, cheered himself saying 'God will provide an habitation; it may be they are now living whom God will remove to provide me an habitation.' It was so; for some persons died out of a house upon Northowram Green, where James Briggs now lives, and he took it; removed at May-day following. At this time, in several disputes, there was a meeting of the chapelry; Mr. Richard Sunderland of Coley Hall, being a justice of the peace, stood for Mr. Marsden, John Lumme opposed him. Mr. Marsden being turned out went into Lancashire; was curate at Ashton-under-Line, Middleton; was followed with some heavy afflictions the latter end of his days. Most of his children were born here. Four sons of his were ministers, able men; viz., Samuel, Jeremiah, Gamaliel and Josiah. One daughter he had, named Esther, that married Mr. Murcot, a famous minister in Ireland, and she was of extraordinary parts; now dead. Had one son bred up a scholar; I hear he is now turned Quaker. Mr. Josiah Marsden, the younger, was most eminent, but he is dead in Ireland. His other three brothers are living." Mr. Ralph Marsden died June 30, 1648. Three of the sons were Non-Conformist under the Act, and are in Calamy's list. The youngest was out of the scope of the Act, having gone to Dublin, where he was a Fellow of Trinity College; he died early.

(4.) "After Mr. Marsden there came two or three to Coley, as Mr. Bourn, Mr. Waugh, stayd a quarter or so, but made no settlement. The next settled minister was Mr. Robert Hierst [Hayhurst], born at Ribchester, in Lancashire. His

brother, Mr. Bradley Hierst, vicar of Leigh, turned out upon the Act of Uniformity; yet living at Maxfield, in Cheshire. This choice young man was at Coley seven or eight years, but fell into a consumption: took his solemn leave in the chapel; told them he had spent his strength with them, he was able to preach no more. There was great weeping and lamentation at the parting; he pined away; had his mother with him, whose breasts he sucked as long as he was able; then died at Upper Briar, where he was tabled, leaving a sweet savour behind him both of sound doctrine and holy life: was much lamented. (5.) After him came Mr. Denton, a godly minister, who lived at Priestley Green; had no great matters, yet increased exceedingly in the world; had several children; continued here several years; about seven. times were sharp. The bishops were at their height. his time came out the Book for Sports on the Sabbath-day, the Oath, &c. He saw he could not do what was required, and feared further persecution, and therefore took the opportunity of going into New England; I suppose about the time that Matthew Mitchel and other good men went thither out of these parts. But he had little comfort there, because he was not altogether of their principles as to church discipline; therefore he was unsettled; tost into several parts, till at last he returned into Old England about the year 1659; lived awhile in Essex, and there died*. In his time at Colev the chapel was enlarged, the new ceiling built that goes to

^{*} In this, the account which Mr. Heywood gives differs from that which we find in Mather's 'Magnalia,' where it is said that Mr. Denton died in New England. Dr. Mather gives a particular account of Mr. Mitchel, who went to New England in 1635, in the same ship which carried over Mr. Richard Mather, the minister at Toxteth, in Lancashire, when suspended by the bishop of Chester. Mr. Mitchel is described as a pious and wealthy person. It is a distressing account that is given of the calamities which befel him during the few years of his residence in that country. Several of his people were killed by the Pequot Indians; his cattle destroyed by them; and when he had moved to another part of the continent, his house, barn and goods were consumed by an accidental fire. He was involved also in troublesome disputings with other English settlers. He was suffering also from the stone, which killed him in 1645, at the age of He took with him a son, Jonathan Mitchel, then a boy of eleven years of age, who became a celebrated preacher and pastor of a church at Cambridge, N. E. . He died in 1668, and an oratorical writer uses this expression concerning him: "All New England shook, when that pillar fell to the ground." There is a large account of him in Magnalia, book iv. p. 167.

the north, the seats made uniform, the pulpit brought from Halifax, being an old pulpit there opposite to that which now stands in the church; for as this stands on the south side, so that removed stood north, facing the south, at the other great pillar. (6.) After him came Mr. Andrew Latham, a godly man, born about Prescot, in Lancashire, whose brother, Mr. Paul Latham, was parson of Standish. Mr. Andrew was but a young man when he came, but very hopeful, pious. He was tabled at Peter Lee's, at Norwood Green; propounded motions of marriage to one Jane Boyle, brought up with John Lumme at Westercroft, who opposed it, as was thought, because he intended to marry her to his son Timothy Lumme, she having a good portion. But when the old man was from home, by the assistance, as was thought, of his wife, Mr. Latham took her away, went to York, Leeds, and married her. John Lumme was in an exceeding rage, and could never abide Mr. Latham after, but persecuted him violently. Yet the good man enjoyed not his wife long; she presently fell into a consumption; he left her weak; took a journey to London about some occasions; she was dead and buried on his return. He took on heavily; preached not the Lord's day after. The first time he preached he took that text, 1 Cor. vii. 29, 30. Then came on the war, and he fled with the rest when the earl of Newcastle lay with his forces about Halifax; and he light to settle at Bury, in Lancashire, and joined with Mr. Ault, they having means allowed them out of that sequestered parsonage; and within a year the banished people were returned, but wanted their old minister; divers meetings of ministers and others were about it; but John Lumme and others opposed it, though he was generally beloved. Yet he stayed at Bury; married Mr. Thomas Binns, of Halifax's, daughter, by whom he had a daughter; but he fell sick of a consumption, and died at Bury. Upon his death-bed he earnestly desired to see one seal of his ministry, one soul converted by his labours; and God at last brought him one, a poor woman in Bury parish, that was wrought upon by his labours; in which he took much content, and blessed God for that mercy. He was Congregational in his principles a little before he died, though he had been otherwise, and never gathered any church nor acted as an Independent; but he was a holy man and a useful instrument. I have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper from his hands in Bolton church in the Presbyterian way, not long before he died, and methought his garments did shine as he came to me. He was a plain and powerful preacher. I believe god did more good by his ministry than he knew of. I suppose he was at Coley nine or ten years. (7.) After him came Mr. Giles Clayton, from Altham, in Lancashire, an holy man and a serious preacher, though not of eminent parts, yet desirous to do good; he was betwixt fourty and fifty years of age when he came hither; had a wife, but she died; no child; was tabled at John Bentley's house in Northowram (now William Cleg's); continued four or five years, then died; was buried in Halifax church, in that chapel that's called Holdsworth's Works. My dear mother was buried just besides him. Good Mr. Jollie immediately succeeded him at Altham; and though I hear of no great success in his labours, yet I hear a very good character of him, that he was an honest man and a Presbyterian. He made some attempts to set up discipline here and enjoy the sealing ordinance, but it would not do. he could not effect it; though he lived here in the proper season for that purpose, in the time of the Long Parliament. (8.) When he was dead, they got one Mr. Cudworth, a good scholar and a holy man as was hoped, and a good preacher; but so exceedingly melancholy that it obscured his parts and rendered himself and labours less acceptable. He lived in Northowram, in some rooms in Robert Broadley's house, where Joseph Crowther now lives, and in a melancholy humour, he would not have gone to the chapel on a Lord's Day when people have been waiting for him, but said he could not preach, and so caused a disappointment. At other times, in public he would have expounded a chapter in the forenoon till almost twelve o'clock, and fallen to preaching after, and so kept them out of time. So that he tired people that they fell off from him, and he could not stay. He was not at Coley above a year, yet in that time he would have gathered a church in the Congregational way; but the Christians in that congregation being not of that persuasion did not encourage him in it; and so he did nothing and was glad to go away. I think he had been at Lightcliffe before: and went from hence to Beeston, Ardsley, Ossett, and was not long resident anywhere; was very poor; built a house with difficulty upon the Common at Ossett; cast himself into

debt; travelled often to London about an augmentation; at last died; left a widow and several children that are now got up; have shifted pretty well; live in Wakefield. In them God remembered his covenant."

Mr. Heywood has left similar notices of the members of several families who formed the body of his parishoners at Coley. The principal of them were of the names of Lumme, Oates, Best, Whitley, Cooper, Brooksbank, Butler, Slater, Northend, Drake, Bradley, Scott, Baxter, Dickson, Hemingway, Thorpe and Crowther. As pictures of domestic manners and evidences of genealogy these notices have their value; some of them are instructive. In the eyes of Mr. Heywood there were great virtues and enormous vices to be found in his little flock. They make part of a volume containing matter for the topographer, which he entitles, 'The History of Coley.'

"Then came this poor, inconsiderable worm, and lived with Richd. Best: continued with him 31/2 years where God made me of some use to several of the family. Then my brother and I took a house and lived together about a year and I had a severe fit of illness there, April 25, 1655. Married Elizabeth Angier, came and lived in this house (now my own) where God gave me 3 sons and took away my precious mother. Continued here 5 years, then removed May 10, 1660, to Norwood Green, where I lived six years. The year after I came thither my wife died, and immediately after God took me from my public work by the Act of Uni-[Richard Best was a wealthy carrier and wooldealer who lived at Landimer in Shelf. He was a kind of Nabal, rich, covetous and churlish, the epitome of carnality, worldliness and carelessness. He died in 1660. Best had married about 1618, and had three children, John, Michael, and Mary, each of whom married and died before the father, each leaving an only child. The Rev. Joseph Dawson married Martha the daughter of this John Best. Old Richard married a second time, to his servant, and had again three children, John, Michael, and Mary, who all grew up and married.]

"There were several attempts to bring a preacher to Coley after I was turned out: and some have been for a season.

1. Mr. Fisden. 2. Mr. Pattison, whose real name was White.

3. Mr. Hoole, who continued there about five years.* 4. Mr. Moore, of Baildon, who staid about half a year. 5. Mr. Furman, who remained about a year. 6. Mr. Bramley, a young man born at Sowerby, but he soon went away. 7. Mr. Andrew Lothian, a Scotchman: he came Aug. 9, 1674, and died Dec. 6, 1675. 8. Mr. Hovey came May 1, 1676. He was a man of ability, and a high conformist, but took his leave Nov. 27, 1681. 9. Mr. Lambert, formerly lecturer at Halifax, supplied for them at Coley about six months: when some requested Dr. Hook to let them have Mr. Hoole of Bradfield; but he would not consent, saying, he would rather have Mr. Heywood. They said with all their hearts; and some came to desire me to preach; but my friends did not judge it expedient. 10. Mr. Timothy Ellison born at Prescot, whose parents used to receive my brother to preach in their house: he came July 23, 1682, and continued to this present year 1695. He prays well, preaches zealously, and it is said, lives honestly. The people flock to him and are much affected. Blessed be god! O that he may be of some use to them."

"I cannot but wonder, what the heads and members of this congregation saw in me, so affectionately to desire, and unanimously to choose a young lad of twenty-one years of age to be their minister, that I do not remember the opposition of any one person, rich or poor, to my election, though another had been tampered with between my first supplying and my engagement with them. I cannot also but wonder

^{*} At the visitation in 1667, Mr. John Hoole, curate of Coley, was presented for not catechizing the youth on Sundays, and not exhibiting his orders. In 1670 Mr. Heywood was called to account at the visitation for preaching at George Horsman's, Little Woodhouse. In 1701, Timothy Ellison, clerk, curate of Coley, had to answer for burying persons in the chapelyard, being unconsecrated ground.—Rev. C. B. Norcliffe's Notes.

[†] This was not the only time that attempts were made to obtain his return to Coley Chapel. "Jan. 10, 1676," he says, "there was a meeting of the townsmen, at which time, E.S. had prepared a paper, and presented it to the inhabitants, expressive of their desire that I might preach at the chapel. He requested those present to subscribe it, which they did very freely, some of whom have never heard nor owned me almost these fourteen years. This is wonderful, whatever may be the issue. They now profess they will either have me or none at the chapel, and if I may not preach it shall be vacant. This is strange all things considered, that they should own a poor, despised, persecuted minister, cast out as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. Blessed be god."

how my heart came to be persuaded to it, considering my aversion to settle in this hilly country; but God led me with a strong hand and deceived me into it, and I am willingly deceived, though contrary to the solicitations of another people in Lancashire to whom I was more inclined."

Of the celebrated Halifax Exercises, resumed about 1620, after some years' discontinuance, Mr. Heywood records,— "All those times, for thirty years together and upwards to my coming, there was a famous exercise maintained every month at Halifax, whereat not only neighbour ministers preached in their turns, but strangers far and near were sent for to preach it; two sermons a day, being the last Wednesday in the month; multitudes of hearers. It's said this exercise was maintained in Dr. Favour's days, (1598-1623), who was a great friend to Nonconformists, maintained two famous men as lecturers at Halifax, whom he shrouded under his authority and interest with the bishop, namely, Mr. Boys, banished out of Kent for his Nonconformity, a choice man, very laborious in the work of the Lord, catechized all the poor, expounded to them in the church one day in the week, gave them money; I have his catechism which he taught them: and Mr. Barlow, that writ upon Timothy, a choice man, who had been shrouded under Dr. Favour. He is thought to have removed to Plymouth when Dr. Clay succeeded to the Vicarage. Mr. Ault was afterwards lecturer, but removed to Bury." See page 322.



Objects and Observations.*

An Arrest.

Object 1 As I was travelling in the road Feb 10 16 % by kirkheaton, I saw at a distance severall men strangely struggling, coming nearer I understood that the bailiffs had arrested a man, he was striving to get away from them, or at least unwilling to goe with them from the place where he was, he rusht from them, they laid hold of him again, he prest one way, they pusht and hal'd him another way, at last he was forced to yield, they being three to one, he went with them towards Almonbury cursing, swearing, many bloody oaths in my hearing, threatening one of them if he had him by himself he would pay his bones, but they silently led him away and regarded neither his threats nor intreatys:

Observation My own thoughts suggested a sad resemblance betwixt this poor man, and the sinners more dreadful arrest, according to the method of legal proceedings in the court of heaven: the sinning soul is the malefactor, which hath broken god's law, risen up in rebellion agt the king of heaven, run into debt many thousand talents more than he is able to pay, justice commenceth suit agt the guilty sinner, conscience claps an arrest (drawn up according to law) upon his back, fain would the sinner fly or fight himself out, wrestling, fuming, roaring like a wild bull in a net full of the fury of the Lord, but all in vain, this arrest lays the sinner fast (except upon some new terms made) under the hands of furious jaylour the devil, who will bring the malefactor forth to execution at the determinate season of the judges appointment, and upon his naturall death the sinner is doomed to an eternal damnation of soul and body in hellflames for ever: This is the sad condition of every man and woman in the world by nature, condemned as soon as

^{[*}These are in the same MS. book as the "Experiments." Vol. III., pp. 303-350.]

conceived, but besides that thousands of actual sins run the soul into gods books, pay the debt we cannot, for by the works of the law shal no flesh be Rom 3 19 justified before god, all the world is becom guilty, the wages of sin is death, the righteous Rom 6 23 judg sends out an arrest, the law and conscience must doe their office, the scripture hath con-Gal 3 22 cluded all under sin-(whether men be willing or no, yea whether they take notice or no) we are kept under the law, shut up, like so many sheep, doomed to the slaughter, or condemned persons till execution, now wts to be done, resist we cannot, god is too strong for us, flee we cannot, whither shall I flee from thy presence, appeal we cannot to an higher court, for there is none, satisfy the law we cannot, for it requires personal, perfect, perpetual obedience, wch no meer man in this fallen state can perform, men may make a shift to hector it out and bid defyance to these bailiffs, devils and death, yet all this while they are under a sadder invisible arrest, the their eyes are shut, they see it not, conscience is asleep they feel it not, but Satan leads them captive, as condemned Gal 3 10 slaues, for unbelievers are condemned already, they that are of the works of the law are under a curse, the decree is past, the sentence is gone out, they are under an arrest, and cannot resist or reverse it, but thousands know nothing of it, the poor man before-mentioned was (as its to be feared) under a far more dangerous captivity than that of his body, tis dreadful and blaspheming gods holy name, speeks him holden 2 Tim 2 26 in the cords of his own sin and that satan leads him captive at his will, Lord rescue his soul from that more dangerous thraldome, open his eyes to see that these Philistines are upon him, and that law, guilt, conscience, satan, and divine justice haue all an hand in this arrest, oh that he and other poor sinning Psal 40 12 soules might sensibly complain as holy David Innumerable evils have compassed me about, mine iniquitys have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up,—i e like jurious bailiffs they arrest me, hold me fast, would to god the law Rom 4 15 might work wrath that the comt might come

with power upon mens conscience, that sin might so reuiue,

Rom 7 9
Gal 3 24
Isai 61 1

that they might dye, i c be sensible of their dead and damnable state, that this severe Schoolmaster might lead poor soules to Cht, our great surety advocate and ransom, that delivers captiues, and opening of the prison to them that

are bound, that proclaims a Jubile: Oh wt mercy and freegrace doth for poor sinners! what transcendent loue hath our Lord expressed to my soule! that wn I was led away by a just Arrest, Jesus interposed, and answered the demands of justice: this came into my thoughts after I had seen the foregoing object, I travelled by as a stranger, or spectator, unconcerned, no way at all obliged to take notice of the man, suppose I had undertaken for him, and sd let this poor man goe free, I will enter bond to pay the debt, let it be 10 li 20 li-100 li, I am both able and willing to be responsible for him, and the bailiffs accept this satisfaction, and let the man goe at liberty, how would be have lookt upon himself as infinitly obliged to me for that kindness and condescention and would have blessed me, while he had lived, if he had the ingenuity of a man, and lookt upon himself as bound to perform any acts and offices of gratitude to me as long as he had a day to live: the story is verifyed in spirituals for thee, o my soul, I was led away under arrest, ready to be clapt up in close prison, never likely to come out till I had paid the utmost farthing wch could never be, but I must haue lyen by it in hell torments for ever, Jesus Cht that good Samaritan passing by had compassion on me, was willing to be bound body for body, not only to pay but to dye he made his soul an offering for sin, satisfied justice, answered the demands of the law, stopt satans mouth, conquered death, pacified conscience, releast the prisoner, brought me in favour with the king of heaven: blesse the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me blesse his holy name, who forgiveth all thine iniquitys who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction &c-

Blessed for ever blessed be grace that took notice Zech 9 11 of such a poor prisoner of hope, and delivered me out of the pit wherein was no water, wn my own sin gate hold on me, I would have wrestled my self out by my strength, I thought my wit, parts, tears, prayers, reformations would have disintangled my fettered soul, but

the more I stroug the more was I hampered, these serieants

would take no mortals word, for the debt god must come down and be yokt with mans flesh, liue a sorrowful life, dye a cursed death, endure something æquivalent to those torments I should haue born, wel, its done, Jesus Cht hath submitted to those hard terms, blessed be his name, my soul shall glory in my Lord, and for ever expresse my greatest obligations to him in all holines, suitablenes in heart and life in being the Lords hired servant for ever,—O Lord, truely I am thy servant, I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid, thou hast loosed my bonds, I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay my vows—ps 116 16-17:

Horses joyned

Object 2 As I was riding by Brighous Nov 1 1680 I met a man riding on an horse and driving two horses before him with pack-saddles on yet empty, he had tyed them togather with an halter, now just as I met him, there was a deep hollow way below and an high Causey above, and the one of the horses took the higher the other the lower way, and it was impossible that the lower should leap up to the other and there was great hazzard of the higher falling, and both ways they could not goe for the distance was beyond the reach of the halter, I stood still to see how they could get disintangled, they both pulled hard, at last the man fearing the issue light off his horse and run towards the lower horse to pul off the haltar, but as he run, the horse in the hollow way leapt up with his fore feet to mount the causey, but not being able, fell down, and pulled the other backwards after him, as he fel, the man cryd out madly, Neck-break or naught-break, with the fall was a crashing noyse I made account that the horses back or neck had been broken, for there lay the horse with his feet upwards, and stirred not, the man knew not how to get him up, but puld at head and taile, at last hitcht him from the hill side and the horse rose, and I saw not that he was hurt, weh was very strange, but there was two bakestones on the horse yt fell, weh were masht to pieces and the man made great lamentation for the breach of the Baking-stones, I went away and left the man complaining but heard not a word of thankfulnes:

Observation Methinks these two horses doe fitly resemble a godly and a wicked man, tyed togather by natural or civil bonds of familiarity or communion, only the saint goes the upperway the king of heavens high-way, for the way of the righteous is aboue to the wise to depart from hell beneath, but the wicked trudg on in the broad way that leads to destruction, that low way of sin and sensuality that lead down to the chambers of death theres hard pulling betwixt them the godly soul would gladly draw the carnal relation into gods way the upper way of holines, by the cords of loue and winning Argts but the sinner below hath greater advantage in drawing the godly soul down into the ways of sin, (facilis descensus) but is neuer in so much hazard as when the wicked persons mounts upward in hypocritical professions, then he is apt to deceive the holiest child of god and drag him into sin, as the old prophet deceived the young one with a counterfeit proclamation, or as Satan doth transform himself into an Angel of light, and thereby doth us most mischief, and a thousand to one drag us backwards into the pit of destruction, or however into the precipice of sin and guilt, weh is the road, and will certainly end in it, if free-grace doe not wonderfully prevent, Ahab gets Jehoshaphat intangled in the halter of affinity, and thereby drags him to joyn in military acts, weh had like to haue broken him, but that god by a miracle preserved him, all this while the devil crys aim, saying neck-break or naughtbreak, for no lesse will serve him than the utter destruction of gods children, and alas the poor child of god is sometimes caught in the snare and is hurryed away with the temptation, and falls into sin, contrary to his constant motion for he walks in the upper, not in the lower way, contrary to his purpose and prayers, but though he fall he shal Psal 37 24 not utterly be cast down, for the Lord upholdeth

him with his hand, he may fall, and break his bones as David did, but shal not break his neck, as Satan would have him, he may lye all along as astonied, and at present without comfort, yea seemingly without life or motion, but a little help will raise him up, a Nathans admonition will bring David to his sense, and in time to his feet, a look from Jesus will affect and revive Peters heart and decaying faith, a spirit of meeknes may restore him, a gentle hand of a christian friend may through gods grace be

a means to help him up, and then he walks more jealously and circumspectly for time to come: Lord let me never be unequally yoked, in naturall bonds or civil, god forbid that I should voluntarily tye myself to sinful company, but unite my heart to fear thy name, and though I doe humbly desire I may always walk in the upper causey way, though it be the narrow way that leads to life yet let me never walk upon the brinks of danger by sinfull complyance, or going too far in point of lawfull liberty, however hold

Psal 17 3 up my goings in thy paths that my footsteps fall Psal 19 13 not, keep thy servant from presumptuous sins

that they prevail not over me

Moman swooning

Object 3 Being at my sisters at a place called Bent-hall in Lauthersdale in Craven, Nov 18 1680 having preacht there that day and repeating in the evening, several neighbors being come, one Alice Whittam a young woman living in Kerby stayd to discourse with me about soul-affaires, but while I was repeating she fell back in her chair in a swoon, wch being discerned they used several means to bring her out, casting water in her face, pulling by the nose, burning an old shoe-sole, lifting her up, and jumping her down on her feet &c-but all in vain, she continued half an hour in such a fit, at last she lookt up, but could not speak, fell into another presently, I went to prayer, in wch time my sister thought she had indeed been dead, god helped me to pray hard for her life, especially considering that time and those circumstances, lest if she had then dyed carnall people might say, it was a rebuke for going to such meetings, my sister thought indeed she had been dead wn I was at prayer but she revived, was recovered before bed-time, told me her soul-troubles, slept wel that night, was well in the morning: Blessed be god:

Observation O my soul, what use shouldst thou make of this providence? methinks her body is like our soules, alas what fainting fits doe they often fall into! sometimes gods wrath meeting with the guilt of sin the conscience make the soul deadly sick, sometimes upon Satans horrid

temptations, or divine desertions, or failing of faith cause a (deliquium animæ) a fainting and swooning, so that flesh and heart failes and to the soules sense, and others sight the person is dead or dying, oh what means should be used to bring it to life again, if any be overtaken thus with a fault and the effects thereof such as are spirituall

Gal 6 1 should seem to restore him with the spirit of meeknes sometimes using gentler, sometimes sharper meanes, casting water on to quench the heat of sin, or startle for sin, or smoaking the soul with that fire of the bottomles pit, plucking by the nose, provoking to æmulation, lifting upwards to heavenly objects, jumping down again in discovering the souls impotency to good, of some such soules

having compassion, yet making a difference, Jude 22 23 others saving with fear, pulling them out of the fire, any means, all means to save a sinking,

sinning soul, oh that god would send some Abigail to prevent my rushing into sin, some Nathan to rebuke me for sin, some cock to awake my sleeping conscience, or some ant to quicken my dulnes, and rouse me out of

Psal 141 5 my sloth, let the righteous smite me, it shal be a kindnes, let him reproue me it shall be an express cellent oyle, which shall not break my head yea faithfull are the wounds of such friends, little

reason shall I have to be offended with such a prick or shake me out of my lethargy, especially when dying is the fruit of sleeping, let me haue a sharp purge or torturing vomit rather than dye of my disease, Lord, send some astonishing Boanerges to awake my drowsy soul, lest I sleep the sleep of death, yea strike Lord with thy punishing rod rather than I should be left to or lost in sin, send an Earthquake into my conscience, rather then my soul should lye in the cradle of ease, and slip down into the pit with carnal confidence, and, Lord, help me by thy grace to perform such kind offices to my christian acquaintance, Oh let me never be afraid to anger such at present by an admonition, as will thank me when they come to themselues, let me doe my duty, and commit the issue to god, oh that god would make some use of me as a minister or christian to raise from the dead some unconverterted sinner, or to awake out of sleep some lethargick saint: But oh my Lord, come thou to fetch my soul and others from death to life, thou to wm belong the issues from death, reviue my fainting spirit, fetch vigour into my withering graces however though my hands of activity tremble, my feet of conversation waver, my tongue faulter in my prayers, yea my face of profession wax pale,

yet sweet Jesus, pray for me that my faith faile Luk 22 32 not, and though the actings of faith languish, yet let the habit of faith be maintained, oh pre-

serue a spark of life a seed of god in my soul, Be thou, my
dear Lord, as dew to my soule, that I may grow
Hos 14 5 as the lillie and cast forth my roots as Lebanon,

67 that my branches may spread, my beauty may be as the oliue-tree and my smell as Lebanon that I may reviue as the corn, grow as the vine: however keep me from sinking into sin or despondency, let faith keep up my head aboue water, my heart aboue terrour, that I may liue and keep thy commandments—

An ignorant youth

Object 4 On Nov 4 1681 as I traveld towards Wakefield about Hardger moor I met with a boy, who would needs be talking, I begun to ask him some questions about the principles of Religion, he could not tell me how many gods there be, nor persons in the godhead, nor who made the world, nor any thing about Jesus Christ, or heaven or hell, or eternity after this life nor for what end he came into the world, nor what condition he was born in-I askt him whether he thought he was a sinner, he told me he hop't not yet this was a witty boy and could talk of any worldly things skilfully enough, told me he had served one apprentiship of 7 years, with one Oldroyd of Batly Car, and was bound with him for other 10 yeares saying I shal be old enough before I be loose, yea sd I, if good enough, wch occasioned my discourse with him, he is 10 yeares of age, cannot read and scarce ever goes to church, his name is Thomas Brook, his parents dved wn he was a child.

Observation Oh my soul, Reflect upon the black and barbarous ignorance of many precious and immortal soules in England, then what Cimmerian darknes is in India, Turkey, Italy, yea in these places where gospel-light hath

broken out in meridian splendour, some are willingly yea wilfully ignorant, others are lazy and careles, others brought up in ignorance, and slip on into prophanes, and know no better, preachers catechize not, parents and masters mind not their own soules or the soules of such as under their charge, yet these haue as precious soules as any, but are destroyed for lack of knowledg, their eye is shut

their heart hardened, and they alienated from the life of god through ignorance of mind, Satan holds his black hand before their eyes, and god in justice leaues them, they know not duty, misery, mercy, or the necessity and excellency of Christ, they understand not sin, wrath, law, pardon, the blind man swallows many gnats so do these unknown iniquitys Alas we need not to fear too much knowledg, or teach the popish doctrin, Ignorance is the mother of devotion, but its a stepmother to true devotion, but a mother and nurse of seduction and destruction, how ready are most to entertain popish doctrin not being able to distinguish error from truth, Lord pitty this dark world, that lyes in ignorance, and is hurryed from sinfull to penal darkness, even utter darknes, send forth thy light and truth, translate sinners out of the power of darknes, into thy glorious light, open their eyes, dart down beams of light and loue into soules guide their feet into the way of peace, set up glorious lights in every congregation, burning in zealous preaching, shining in exemplary walking before their flocks, Oh for some holy masters of Assemblys that may teach the people knowledg; sad oh sad is it that so many hundreds of glorious luminarys were put out at least put under a bushel, in so needful a day as this Oh what accounts have they to giue that made, termes which they knew men of conscience could not subscribe to, on purpose to take occasion to turn them out of gods work, forbidding them to preach, lest sinners should be saved, Lord, change chear towards us, call back thy banished, thrust forth labourers, lest the devil plead prescription, and the kingdom of darknes overspread the whole earth: But oh what cause haue I to admire freegrace that cast my lot in such places, under such parents, that from a child I might know thy holy scriptures, and principles of Religion! but especially laid hold on my heart by his holy spirit, converting my soul to himself, but still grace hath more abounded to me in that he hath accounted

me faithfull, putting me into the Ministry, opened a door of utterance and another of entrance into the hearts of sinners, would to god poor soules might flock to Christ as doues to the windows particularly, what was said to the forementioned might make some blessed impression on him:

Preacher startled

Object 5 On Lords day Dec 4 1681 came Joseph Lockwood a message to me from Mr. Jonathan Hanson preacher at Honley, who being sick and startled for his sins, much desired to see me, the day after I went, who was much affected at the sight of me, embraced me, askt me to tell him wt true Repentance was? I described it both in discourse and repeating a sermon from 2 Cor 7 10 of souls mistakes about it, he told me he was sorry for his sin from the bottom of his heart, &c he lamented that he had so rashly entred on that work he was not fit for, adding that he was persuaded that never a priest in the country that preacheth publickly is a minister of Jesus Cht, I told him some I hoped were good men: Oh sth he Mr Heywood, I had been happy if I had given over preaching, and betaken my self to some other calling when I was so startled by your preaching in this chappel many yeares agoe (that is 12 yeares since) when he was newly begun) but I took it up for a liuely-hood and I have been very negligent of my peoples soules, I came into this country and marryed a wife with a great estate, and I fel a keeping gentlemens company, spent it all, run into debt, could not stay in the country, but fled for debt into Cheshire, got to be Coll: Lees chaplain, which was a house of excessive drinking dayly, weh broke my body, and since I returned, I have been much addicted to it, &c and then desired my councel, and prayers, I spoke what I was able, went to prayer that night and in the morning, my soul bled for him, I found him very ignorant, yet much awakened, intemperance had brought a desperate surfeit, and consumption, several people were there seemed to be affected, what the Lord will doe with him I

he was buryed cannot tell, but pray and wait for an answer Dec 27 1681 of prayer and successe of my poore en-

deavour:

Observation O my soul what improvement dost thou make of this providence, has thou no lessons to learn from it? surely its a solemn providence, it cost thee some difficulty to travel 8 miles through abundance of filthy way to goe visit this stranger but thou didst comply with a call, and glad wast thou of such an oppertunity of doing good, and however thou hast but bunglingly managed it, yet wouldst not for a great deal but have had the sight of such an heart-affecting object, as god helpt I laid his sin home upon him, his rash entrance, negligent managemt, ill example, mispent of time, his dishonouring god, hardening wicked damning of his soul, &c tho I confesse I was very defective, but could not see the desired effect, god hath therby afresh convinced me that tis not in mans power to

work grace, and that of all persons a prophane quis unquam vidit venies-prædicantem pænitentem) god in justice clericum denying grace to despisers of grace, however pænitentem? within prospect of the graue, and judgment,

when conscience-wasting sins stare them in the face, this poor man is not a black swan, I fear he hath too many companions amongst the debauched Clergy of England, oh how many affect the office and maintenance reject the work and conscience of ministers? how many enter in not at the door, but some other way and so are thieues and robbers in their entrance and progresse, and draw on them the guilt of the blood of soules! Lord, what a sad case is this land in! wel may a son of the church breath out Icabods 5 groanes, and add other 5 to them, but how few are so ingenious as this man, though many be beyond him in parts! god hath his providences to alarum graceles careles preachers: Blessed Jesus, come with thy

Joh 2 13 scourge of smal cords and driue out buyers and sellers, sweep away these dust and dirt heapes of filthinesses, yea sweep down these cobwebs of fine-spun inventions, awake those cocks that should awake others, rouze up those slumbering shepheards that ought to watch the sheep, but warre agt them, lead-them from the mount of god into by-paths of sin and seduction, startle their hearts lest death leave them hopeles and helples: Lord thrust out loyterers or turn them to be labourers, and thrust in to thy

harvest those labourers, thousands perish for want of knowledg, by saving vision build up zion and appear in thy glory: Cover the earth with the knowledg of god as the waters cover the sea; And why may not even thy Almighty power change the hearts of prophane preachers, as of old a multitude of the priests became obedient to the faith? oh poor souls that have such blind guides! but oh sadder case of such dumb dogs that cannot bark, yea greedy dogs that never have enough, that fill them-Isai 57 10 11 12 selues with strong drink-Oh sad state of the church when from the prophets of Jerusalem prophanes is gone forth into all the land, oh that god would give his people pastors according to his heart that may feed them with knowledg and under-Jer 3 15 standing: god forbid that I should advance my self aboue others, but I will not deny what my dear Lord hath done for me, by the grace of god I am what 1 Cor 5 10 I am, I was nothing but distinguishing grace that accounted me faithfull, putting me into the 1 Tim 1 12 ministry, and hath by his grace made me faithfull in the ministry, I thank my Lord Jesus Christ for it, Lord let this example quicken me in my masters work, and further my good account, Amen, Amen.

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Object 6 On Decemb 17 1681 being a very rainy foremoon, Lydia Priestley, (my dear friend Jonathan Priestleys daughter) about 20 yeares of age, having been at her Cozen Joseph Priestleys in Norland (whose wife being delivered of a child, had sent for her the munday before) was returning home to her fathers house at Wintridg by Coley chappel, came on horseback with a boy to take the horse back, called of her father at his shop in Halifax, it being Saturday, light not, but sd to him, father, its an ill day, Ile goe home, he said, doe child, she rid up the bank, bade the boy goe by Shipden-hall, and she would meet him at Lower briar, not thinking of the waters being so high, she rid over the brook at Godley, was riding on to goe by Northowrum, but turned her horse again to ride all along through the brook, and being but a little horse, tis thought he swam down the

stream all along under Peningtons—to Jon. Threaplands, at which time one John Hargreaues, servant to Mr Samuel Lister saw her, told her of her danger, weh she was not very sensible of, run to a little bridg-tree, where she was to goe out of the water to pul the horse out, or lay hold of her, but the horse not being able to rise out fel, and the stream carryed them both to the bridg, overturned it and the man off it into the water but by gods providence, being a lusty man, he got struggled out, but the horse and she were carryed down, the horse was got out with ropes, but she being bound in her riding-cloths was drowned, and Lewes Brooksbank and others coming by went to seek for her, about an hour after found her, brought her into Jonathan Threaplands barn sent to her father, he came, got 4 young men to carry her home immediately sent for me, I went saw her, prayed with them, counceld comforted them, rested the Lords day, on munday the Coroners quest wait upon her, the jury found the water the occasion of her death, Tuesday she was buryed, Dr Hook preacht on Job 1 21—Lords day after at his [J. P's] request I preacht on Mic 7 9.

Observation And now, o my soul, what personal improvement dost thou make of this severe and astonishing providence? surely herin god hath declared his soveraignty, in plucking such a louely flower by so sad and sudden a blow, he that sitteth upon the flood, Psal 29 10 hath swept away a beautiful virgin with a flood, god vt sitteth upon many waters, and said the Ps 90 5 proud waves hitherto shal ye go and no further. was able to have carryed her through the water, and have secured her from drowning, but he gaue commission to that merciles Element to hurry her down and choak her, her will was left to venture upon apparent danger, after she had but crossed it with difficulty, god denved strength to the beast to wrestle out, and prevented the efficacy of help, god thought fit to secure the horse, not her, it was an act of his prerogative, and justice, oh dreadful blow! oh astonishing spectacle! a fresh, liuely, wel liking young woman, likely to live many yeares, snatcht away on a sudden, laid by as a dead Corpse in a few moments! yea a praying hopeful child of a pious praying, gracious father, and a precious mother, long since with god: What shal we say! god is righteous, yet misterious in his providences, thy righteousnes, oh Lord is like the great mountains (who can reach the Psal 36 6 top?) thy judgments are a great deep (who can fathom the bottom therof?) they are sometimes unaccountable although holy and righteous, its true, clouds and darknes are round about him, but righteous-

Psal 97 2 nes and judgment are the habitation of his Psal 135 6 throne: the great god doth what he pleaseth in heaven, in earth, in the seas and all deep places;

and sometimes gives not the creatures account of his matters: he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him what doest thou? if he causes us silently to adore his infinit majesty, and lye down under his wise providences, he taketh but his own, our borrowed comforts must be chearfully restored, our dearest relations are more his then ours, and when they have done their work, it becomes us to lay hands off and let god take them: nor must we prescribe to him by what death he shal remove them in the soft waves or in a soft bed, by lingring consumptions, or sudden suffocation, by a sleight river or in the main ocean, to god the Lord belong the issues of death, and from death, he alone kills, and he makes aliue; but surely there is a peculiar hand and end of god in pitching upon this person, an eminent Christians dear child, making them the talk of the country, the scorn of the wicked, at such a time as this, when our meetings are despised, and afresh persecuted, who can tell what interpretations prophane men will make of this? who knows how many will take occasion to harden their hearts herefrom? and insult over us all with madnes? how many sad thoughts of heart doth it cause to gods afflicted children! Lord teach thy servants the meaning of thy rod, and give all that see and hear thereof the sanctifyed use therof, especially let the death of this young woman be the spiritual life of yong persons, oh that others may hear and fear and doe no more wickedly: the time is observable when youth think they are let loose to be vain, wanton and prophane (this Christmas time as they call it) and thinke by the birth of Jesus, they are delivered to doe all these abominations Oh blasphemy! Lord let this be a check to sin, a spur to holines if god be so severe to his owne children and their obedient children what shal become of stubborn and rebellious children? if

these things be done to the green tree, what shal be done to the dry? god almighty dry up the flood of licentiousnes that drowns the world, lest a flood of wrath overflow us: Oh what cause haue I to admire distinguishing providence to me and mine, what dangers haue I escaped! wt deliverances haue I injoyed! my more than ordinery wandrings haue exposed me to many seen, but more unseen hazards, but hitherto god hath helpt: my elder son was lately near drowning in a dangerous place, god delivered, let him haue the glory and we the profit:

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Youth distracted

Object 7 In my travels into and out of Nottinghamshire, Oct 18 and 26 a.d. 1681 I had a sad object Mtris Elizab: Rhodes (my Lady Rhodes daughter and my very dear friend) distracted by a feaver or phrenzy seizing on her, she spoke much, yet in due time the Lord heard prayers for her recovery, a gracious gentlewoman: but her own cozen, Lady Margaret (the countesse of Straffords only daughter, at Hooton) beginning oct 15 the day Mrs Rhodes

So also went ill from thence, to be in the like manner Joshua yet more raging, and in a fortnights time, dyed Stansfields to the great grief of relations; about the same wife of time, viz Nov 7 81 a godly young man of our

little society in Warley, one Joshua Bates, fell to a kind of a phrenzy, continued disordered a few Horton was seized days, then became better, gaue me account of on with a the grounds of his trouble, which was this, his desperate father had 3 sacks of corn stollen out of his barn, neighbours told him who had taken them, as phrenzy about a they judged, one TR a neighbour, the old man fortnight gaue out some unadvised words about it, TR Dec 20 sent for suit agt James Bates, the old man in a passion sent for a warrant for Tim Rudiard, took 1681

1681 passion sent for a warrant for Tim Rudiard, took recovered him before justice Horton who urged him to agree it, they referd at last to two honest men, who did compose it, but Joshua Bates was in a great hurry in his spirit could not rest, set himself solemnly to seek god

(its to be feared too peremptorily and absolutely for discovering the thieues, thought he had a vision of 3 men.

whom he knew, and imagined they stole the corn, would have got a warrant for them, J B hindered him but still was much confounded, was under deliration, at last it grew to a perfect distraction, that 4 men had much adoe to hold him, he was bound, raved, raged, in a formidable manner, made rimes, yea (wch was sad) Satan used his tongue to swear many dreadful oaths, wch he never did in al his life: he was much prayd for, Dec 21 81 we had a solemne fast at James Halsteads, god exceedingly helped his servants to plead for him, that evening he grew quieter, had a quiet night—in the morning I went to see him, he was a sad object, put him into the hands of god by prayer, that evening at 10 o'clock he dyed, buryed Dec 24 81

Observation Oh my Lord, what shall I say to these things? the works of the Lord are great, sought Psal 111 out of all that have pleasure therein: they are 367 verity and judgment: though sometimes to us misterious and astonishing, that cannot understand the reasons therof: Methinks I may say as Ezekiel Ezek 1113 upon Pelatiahs death, Ah Lord god, wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel? cease Amos 7 2 Lord, by whom shall Jacob arise for he is small: alas, what an heavy omen of approaching desolation is the eradication of young plants! especially such plants as are planted not only in the house of god, but grafted into Christ: plants of renowne, whom we hoped might surviue Psal 1 3 us, not only to bring forth fruit in due season, but in old age, but alas, the Lord hath thought Ezek 17 4 good to crop off the top of some young twigs and transplanted them into a better soyl, and we are much emptyed, Jacobs face waxeth pale, with the losse of so much precious blood, old saints frequently falling off like ripe grapes, young saints also pluckt away with violent diseases, and uncomfortable accidents, thus our Lord thinks fit to diminish us, yet blessed be the Lord that such a goodly army of young saints have sprung up, to fill the vacancys, its admirable to think what a mighty work hath been on the spirits of many young men and women at this Mat 11 12 day: the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force, Jerusalem is a Dan 9 25

building in this troublous time, theres an open

1 Cor 16 9 door though many adversarys! many volunteers are listing themselues under Chts banner though Psal 110 3 many be fighting agt our Lord of hosts: yea our dear Lord Jesus hath the dew of youth: yet some god calls out to be his souldiers in some personal conflicts of a strange nature, not only to fight agt principalitys and powers but with beasts at Ephesus, yea with beastly passions, imaginations astonishing phrenzys: surprizing! doth our Lord give them grace and then deprive them of the use of Reason? doth god sanctify their hearts and then leave them to the black humours of their bodys? doth he cast the devil out of their soules, and give him so much power over their bodys? surely when god puts into the heart a principle of grace, he expects it should be drawn forth in his immediate worship, or the service of our generation, but this adust and cloudy humour renders persons incapable of either: what glory can god haue from frantick persons that haue not the use of reason? surely, as god's will is the measure of his works of providence, so tis the rule of our obedience, and warrant for our submission: but the infinitly wise god doth nothing in vain, he doth all things wel; and to wise ends, and though monuments of his glory be not so directly raised to his name, yet occasionally they are, tho not actively, yet objectiuely, while the sad spectators reflect, that no wisdom, grace, holines, can exempt from any sort of affliction, all things come alike to all, that god gives and takes away the order and regular use of the soules most noble facultys, to teach us rightly to improve that talent to gods glory, the good of others, and if the Lord see good to restore them to teach them humility, self-denyall and with restored Nebuc-

Dan 4 34 great god, and say as he, when these black 35 37 clouds are blown over and their understanding returnes—we praise and honour him that liveth

for ever—the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing—none can stay his hand or say unto him what doest thou? and such as walk in pride he is able to abase, and such as are ripe for heaven, god snatcheth them away in mercy to themselues and in judgment to the wicked surviving world: and however it be uncomfortable to relations to see them thus expiring, yet it is on purpose to teach us charity, that we may not judg persons finall state by their

temperal afflictions for as there may be no bands
Psal 73 45 in wicked mens death, so there may be in the
godlys they may be in trouble, living and dying
that are perfectly rescued when dead, so that we must not
judg of the whole piece by a little course list in the end of
it: this precious young man was profiting beyond his fellows
in religion, many sober Christians did much admire the
grace of god in him, and oft fore-told his short life: and
now he is gone from this mad world into the paradise of
peace:

Sermon, thunder

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Object 8 According to promise I was to goe preach at Idle chappel Jan 11 81 and though it was an exceeding stormy morning of wind and snow and the ways deep and dangerous, yet I went, because of my promise Mr Cotes was to joyn with me, but the time being short, he left the time wholly to me, having prayd, chiefly conviction and conversion of sinners, and then treating on Repentance from 2 Cor 7 10, about the middle of my sermon there fell upon us an exceeding great darknes, upon which came a fearfull great flash of lightning, then followed a terrible crack of thunder, weh amazed the congregation, and something astonished me, little thinking of it immediatly after fell a very formidable shower of haile, which made a huge rattling novse on the roofe, and we judged it might be in danger to break the windows, tho it did not, yet as we came out of the chappel, they lay thick like bird eggs, some said they measured some of them and sd, they were three inches about, however, it was strange to have thunder now.

Observation Lord thou art the dreadful god, and terrible in all thy dispensations clouds and darknes are Psal 97 2 round about thee—a fire goeth before thee and burneth up thine enemys,—thy lightenings lighten the world,—so that earthly men see and tremble, alas, alas thousand of sinful soules are invelop'd in Ægiptian darknes and loue it, god sends the light of his glorious gospel which shines upon them, but poor sinners shut their eyes, will not see the king in his beauty, the Lord thunders

by the terrible voyce of the law to awaken conscience, still men sleep, can charm conscience to be quiet, are loath to be awakt out of their carnal ease and security, oh what alarms hath our Lord sent of his wrath to summon sinners to repentance, we have had an horrid popish plot, yea a train of plots, still discovered, hitherto prevented, but still men are asleep, loue to slumber god preached the beginning of last year out of the heavens by a formidable planet, all this last summer by an astonishing drought and lately he hath come near with a lash on mens estates, by a woful decay of trade threatening poverty, and alas men take no warning, generally men are more debaucht than ever, Oh wt an Abominable Bacchanalian celebration of Christs Nativity, as they pretend, as though Christ must come into the world to patronize mens licentiousnes, an heathenish popish custome, god hath oft born witnes agt mens riots and superstitions, but men regard not, and oh what a shutting up of Christmas (as they superstitiously call it) did our Lord make by stormes wind, snow, and tempestuous weather! and now when we set our selues to an Act of Religion and our Lord gaue us the liberty of a publick place, and a great Assembly and then helped me to presse home the Doctrine and practice of Repentance with some seriousnes, the Lord seemed to back and second doctrine from heaven with a solemn providence, even as he did at the giving of the law on mount Sinai, which yet was delivered for Evangelical purposes, to make men sensible of their sins, and see their need of a mediator, there were thunder and

Exod 1916 lightenings and a thick cloud upon the mount; the people fell to trembling, and cryed out, let not god speak to us, lest we dye and god approved their choyce of Moses as typical Mediator and of Jesus Christ as

the true and sufficient mediator, had their hearts

Deut 5 27 been answerable to their lifes, how acceptable
29 had they been to god! and now, because men
are apt to despise the speakings of men, the god

Psal 29 3 of glory thundered and this voyce of the Lord is full of majesty, oh that the voyce of the Lord would break the Cedars of Lebanon, oh that this

voyce might shake the wildernes, discover forests, make hinds to calue, in a spiritual sense, that so in his temple every one might speak of his glory: alas how little can we doe for conviction of conscience, may our Lord interpose as he did betwixt Job and his friends out of the whirlewinds and convince both preacher and people that we Job 4 26 are vile, and make us abhorre ourselues and repent in dust and ashes: but alas, thunder will not effect the busines men may and many doe mistake it, as the people in Chts time did imagine it thunder, Joh 12 21 wn it was a voyce from heaven, this inarticulate sound is hard to understand therfore god sent his word to expound it, Lord open mens ears to discipline, seal up instruction, prevent destruction, and by all meanes bring poor sinners to eternall salvation:

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Minister blessed

Object 9 Mr Gamaliel Marsden (son to Mr Ralph Marsden, my predecessor at Coley) a pious young schollar, and Fellow of Trinity Colledg in Dublin was turned out with the Master of the Colledg Dr Winter, 1660 on the kings return, had no parents or relations that he could betake himself to, little left, for when he was landed at Liverpool, had paid his fraight, bought an horse, had but about 3 li in his pocket knew not where to have more, had no hopes of imployment, knew not whither to betake himself, he came for Yorkshire, light first at my house in Northourum, stayd under my window, wn we were at family-prayer, we entertained some nights, he then went to Joshua Bayleys of Allerton where his brother Jer: had lately been minister, he made him welcom, and marryed a young woman in the family worth 40 li a year, was minister at Chappel-le-breare, out at Barthol, 62, his wife dyed he went into Holland, returned, was teacher of the church at Topliff, marryed Mr Marshalls widow, who lived plentifully, comfortably, dyed with honour, was buryed May 27 1681, left a competent estate to his friends, wife, having no child, lent, gaue while he lived, bequeathed 20 li to poor ministers, widows, schollars, godly poor, ordered by his last will Mr John Pickering of Tingly, and my self to assist his wife in the distribution of it, for wch we met at Mtris Marsdens Feb 14 1681 ordered it as wisely and equally as we could for doing most good:

Observation Thus even thus our dear Lord takes care of his children and their children, that godly old minister Mr Ralph Marsden had four sons Samuel, Jeremiah, Gamaliel, Josiah all worthy ministers of singular parts god took care of his seed, as if he had left them great estates Pro in the world, thus the righteous walk in his integrity and his children are blessed after him, Psal 34 10 thus the young lions doe lack and suffer hunger but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing, thus doth our Lord take care for those that can take little care for themselues, this good man was a meer schollar and as heedles of, and shiftles for the world as most men, yet god lookt to one that could not look to Psal 37 11 his seal, a ball inharit the carether this result as headles of the same than the seal that so works.

the meek shall inherit the earth, this was a Moses for meekness; and could not contend except for truth, and he seeking heaven, god gaue him in other things, yea thus doth god evidence that integrity and uprightnes preserues gods children, for this good man was no plausible preacher though an holy man, and profound schollar), his gift lay rather in training up schollars in Academical learning then in any pulpit discourses, and god made good use of him that way, tho solid christians approved, yet common hearers were not taken with his sermons, but god provided both work and reward both on earth and in heaven, he slept with his fathers, though but 46 yeares of age; this, this is a conviction agt carking cares, wch cannot adde a cubit to our stature, and ignorance or seeming slightly will not detract therefrom: divine providence is beyond mens prudence: yea providence oft crosseth paines and probabilitys,

Pro 9 11 so true is that of Solomon, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battel to the strong, bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favour to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all: I have seen it, yea found it in my own experience, subtile Jonadabs, Achitophels, Esaus, have mistaken their way, and missed their ends, while god hath undertaken the patronage of a plain Jacob, an upright David, and a beleeving Abraham: god gives his children a good convoy through this world, may they love and serve god here and doe good in their generations and injoy god herafter, they have a goodly heritage, their lines are fallen into pleasant places: Oh what

haue I lived to see this last 20 yeares near 2000 ministers turned out of publick maintenance for their consciences, living only on gods providence strangely preserved none (that I know) reduced to debts or extreme wants, many of them in a better condition then when they were turned out, whereas many conformists that stretcht their consciences for a liuelihood or prefermt are reduced to such exigencys as driue them into prisons or dangers or a begging to hard-hearted men: god hath found imployment for some, friends for others, or cast on zeal or personal estates on others any given credit and good repute to all conscientious suffering ministers that the they were sent without staff or scrip, they haue lacked nothing: Meipso adhue festificante:

—::— Suitable punishment

Object 10 On munday night Feb 13 168½ or Tuesday morning there was a strange providence, Mr H Kellet, tabled at A U [or N] in our neighbourhood cut off his own members, cast them into the fire, left incredible quanties of blood, went away in the night, might be traced by drops, and in some places cakes of blood, was taken up near Coley Mill, sd he had seen a vision, was told he could not be saved except he dismembered himself, and goe a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, sd he was going, but losing so much blood was stopt, is under the surgeons hands, in a way of recovery, there is more than ordinary grounds of suspicion there hath been some antecedent filthines, both from his own expressions and other circumstances, I saw him Feb 1681 he seemed to argue for Roman Catholics as he called them, as I have elsewhere at large given a ful account of the whole affair, it was an astonishing providence, yet a nine days wonder.

Observation But, O my soul, canst thou find in thy heart to let passe such an observable providence, yea possibly such a severe act of justice surely the lord is known by the judgments he executeth, the same members that were abused to sin haue suffered and smarted by the hands of the same person, unnatural sins produce unnatural punishments: none ever yet hated his own flesh: but if god commissionate a man to be his own executioner, who can stop

him, natural self-loue must be divested to fulfil gods pleasure a strange punishment must be to the workers of iniquity: lust rageth at this day: none to stop or punish it, but whormongers and adulterers god will judg in the methods of his own choyce, god will be just and impartiall and make men so to themselues: A righteous god, a malicious devil, and superstitious papist must all haue an hand in an Adulterse punishment: he hands out evils by wt instruments he pleaseth he hangs some in chains for a warning to others: men are oft taught by the word, that they run from, by conscience, that they stifle, by rod, that they slight: by prodigys, those they turn into a ridicule: no way will serue, but set one member against another: they shall be laid under a necessity of forbearing acts of uncleanes, though heart adultery is not thereby eradicated: Lord, my soul adores thee, my heart rejoyceth to see vengeance, that the acts of such abominable sin may be forborn, and the man spared to repent: But alas that will not doe, sin lyes too deep in the heart to be cast away with bodily members: my prayer and care was that he might be put to shame and fear and pain that he might learn to seeke gods name: but I see that will not be, it will not doe, he is still as bad as ever, swearing, cursing, hating, brawling with, sending away his wife, conversing too familiarly with his strumpet: Lord, what a prodigious evil is an hard heart! Pharaoh is vet aliue: sinners will sin still: body-circumcision reacheth not the heart: Lord is there no remedy for the soul of this miserable man, but as Lots wife he must be reserved to some greater judgmt, thy will be done: Yet let others take warning, Oh that this sin may be shamed out of the country and dasht out of countenance by this notable providence: however the filthy will be filthy still yet let the righteous understand and oh that my own soule may be wiser, holier, chaster, that I may be so far from all impure acts, that unclean thoughts may not lodg in me: my dear Lord help my reflections in the magnifying that grace that hath prevented me hitherto: quicken me in the work of mortification, help me to possesse my vessel in sanctification and honour: to dedicate all to thee, and make my soul an agent for god, my body the temple of the holy ghost and an instrument of righteousnes: let me never resist the checks of conscience, that I should fall out with myself and lay violent hands on thy workmanship, but preserue soul and body pure to thy second coming—Amen.

—::— Carts overturned

Object 11 As I was coming from Leeds on April 19 1682 a mile or lesse on this side Leeds, four horses were grazing by the way side, a little further I found a cart broken, the owners had left it, I suppose were gone to get another, wheels set on end, oyle-tubs set up in the lane, seeing no body I left yt, riding a mile further down the bank towards Christal bridg, a young man was lamenting his sad hap, hauing his cart overturn'd, loaden with boards, he asked my help I told him there were 3 or 4 men just coming following horses would assist better then I could, for indeed it was hot, I could not lift, was in hast, so passed on, hauing satisfyed my self in my refusal, but before I had come half a mile further my horse in a stony causey pluckt off a shoe, so I was hindred, then I begun to suspect that I had not done wel in refusing to help the young man, according to Exod 23 5 (tho herin the horses were at liberty) so it did tent itself then and now in such meditations as these:

OBSERVATION Oh my soul, dost thou to others as thou wouldest have them doe to thee? what if a like accident had come to thee? shouldst thou not have desired and expected assistance? methinks I conceited my self to be like the Priest and Levite that passed by the wounded man on the other side but helped not, the Levite looked on him, but I would scarce take a view of this man under this disester, my heart smote me as soon as I was passed and wn that accident befel me I was more troubled, Lord, if I did amisse, humble me, pardon me assist me for future to doe what I can for others good in all respects I could not help him, yet might have pittyed, counceld, incouraged the man, spoken to others for him oh how failing am I in my duty every way to mens soules, bodys goods, credit! Lord make me more serviceable in my generation, that every one may be better by me, for I haue dayly need of others help, this my dear Lord convinced me

of, for by my horses casting a shoe I was as much retarded in my journey as that necessary office would have amounted to, teach me to study the law and the prophets

Mat 7 12 herafter, and in all other cases to shew commiseration to them that are in affliction as being

Heb 13 2 3 myself also in the body and therfore liable to the like adversitys: Another use I may make of this

providence, a week before or ten days the high ways were dry and dusty, but the fields were barren and gaping for rain and god heard his peoples prayers so that now the high-ways are exceeding deep and dirty, thence came this accident, but private prejudices are fully compensated by publick advantages, fruitful fields make amends for filthy lanes, men are content to submit to the latter for the benefit of the former, and can we be so willing of an inconvenience for obtaining a greater good in outwards, and can we not doe so in spirituals? what if gods ways be something difficult to passe so that the rain of his blessing make our soules fruitful in grace and holines? in keeping gods commands theres great reward in this life, and abundant recompence in the next: no matter wt the road be, though all our comforts be overturned that roll forward on the wheel of providence in outward things, which indeed are subject to many thousand accidents, let them goe, so that the inclosed lands that concern the soul be but safe and faithfull: oh for the

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Sure mercys of David! oh for a better heart and the exercise of grace! let my soul be like as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed, god give me of the dew of heaven, and make my

Isai 38 11 soul as a watered garden, satisfy my soul in drought and make fat my bones: Oh what a

drought and make fat my bones: Oh what a change is made in the earth by a few days rain! how doth it put on its fresh green suit, and yield its strength! what a louely and pleasant verdure hath it to the eye, wt an odoriferous smel, what promising fruits to the palate! may that word be made good to me Hos 14 5 6 7 I will be as the dew to Israel, he shal grow as the lilly, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon: &c Oh happy soul thats under these blessed influences of grace! Let me for ever chuse the kings highroad tho hazardous to the flesh in my voyage to canaan, let other things be overturn'd, so I may obtain my end, the injoymt of god:

Change of Meather

Object 12 On Wednesday May 31 1682 I had severall young men with me to spend some time in prayer, the weather had been very fine and hot for some weeks and that day till we begun, about 12 a clock and was glorious sunshine till after 2, immediatly when S H was at prayer, weeping and wrestling, black darknes covered the face of the heavens, it fell to thundering, lightening, raining and a formidable showr of hail fell, and abundance of rain for aboue an houre, and then the heavens cleared by 4 a clock and it was a bright sunshiny evening, 2 things I observed 1 that there was an appointmt of an horse-race upon Swails moor, and I suppose that great tempest might scatter them if men wil not god can scatter those routs and riots; 2 that immediatly after that natural storm another moral storm was upon us, viz I S our constable called of me and told me how he was threatened by a bailiff for not informing agt me, and that 4 justices were to meet at Halifax next Saturday, and it was judgd they had a design agt us-

Observation How quickly can our Lord make a remarkable change in the natural heavens, and air! Psal 1483 well may David call upon sun and moon heavens waters aboue the heavens, fire and hail, snow and vapours, to praise the Lord, for he covereth Psal 147 8 the heaven with clouds, and prepareth raine for the earth, the god of glory thundereth, the Lord Psal 29 3 7 is upon many waters: his voyce divideth the flames of fire: yea as he maketh a calm a storm at sea, so he quickly speaks to the world and turns it again into a calm: our Lord sitteth upon the Isai 40 22 circle of the earth, and stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, black or red, or what colour he pleaseth, he makes the clouds his chariot, he Psal 104 3 walketh upon the wings of the wind: oh what a god doe we worship! that upon a Samuels calling on him, sends thunder and rain, even in wheat-1 Sam 12 harvest to convince a sinfull people of their 17 18 rebellions: oh how suddenly can our dear Lord change the the state of things in the nation! only as terrible flashes of lightening, and cracks of thunder precede the

fructifying showers of rain, so usually gods terrible appearances usher in sweet seasons and Psal 63 5 mollifying showers of mercy: by terrible things in righteousnes wilt thou answer us, oh god of our salvation: in the way of thy judgmts we Isia 26 8 haue waited for thee, o Lord, men may see and be afraid of thy tokens that dwell in the utter-Psal 63 8 most parts, but its thy saints only that see thee in them, and understand the meaning of them: common occurrences may be special evidences of loue or wrath in the account of a gracious christian: some things may proue big with hidden matter the outside wherof men only doe discern: oh for a seeing eye, an understanding heart! Lord, giue us the knowledg of thy will in the works of creation and providence as well as scriptures and experience, thy servants have waited 20 yeares for deliverance, and the showers of thy word in publick ordinances, and we are still Hos 6 3 following on to know thee, and pray to thee, Oh let thy going forth be prepared as the morning, come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth: yea let the remnant of Jacob be in Mic 5 7 the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord as the showers upon the grasse, that tarryeth not for man not waiteth for the sons of men: O think of us in this dry and thirsty wildernes where no water is, thou only makest a decree for the rain, and a way Job 28 26 for the lightening of the thunder, and this way prepares for some notable acts of mercy to the Psal 77 18 church, the voyce of thy thunder was in the heavens, the lightenings lightened the world,— 19 20 then thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron: who knows what may be consequence of this providence: Lord we would gladly take it as a token for good: astonish thine enemys, admonish sinners, advance the faith and hopes of thy praying people, that while these strange appearances in the Luk 21 26 heavens make carnal hearts fail them for fear 28 thy saints may lift up their heads, because their redemption draws nigh: shake the heavens, and earth, the sea and dry land, yea shake all nations, Hag 2 7 and let the desire of all nations come, and fill thy house with glory: and if thou think fit to sharpen our pangs, let that tend to hasten our deliverance: if nothing else will further our agony in prayer, but an agony of sorrow, send it, O Lord, and prepare the hearts of thy people for thee: come Lord, build up the tabernacle of David, thats fallen raise up its ruined walls: that thy people may rejoyce in thee and glory with thine inheritance: Amen, Amen:

Young turky catcht

Object 13 My wife had ordered an hen to sit on turkey egges, hatcht them, all came to naught except two, those two were with the hen in the croft feeding, on Saturday forenoon Aug 5 1682, a glead* came furiously to catch them, the hen fought with the glead a considerable time, but the glead catcht one of them, and went away with it, chirping in his mouth, some young men at R S seeing the sharp contest, and the glead carrying the chicken ran after him, he light in a field near to feed on his prey, but seeing them took it up fled away with it, so they lost it, the other Chicken or young Turkey being affrighted hid itself under shrubs which in a little time they found, the hen going with it was still erecting her head waiting for the glead, it came for the other, she got under a stone in the court, the chicken under her, sate close, secur'd it, and still is exceeding watchfull:

Observation Oh my soul, is there nothing for thee to learn from this object? surely thou hast herin a notable discovery of the fall of man, that hath put enmity in creatures agt each other, devouring one another either through necessity for sustenance or antipathy to doe mischief, as cocks fight though of the same kind: oh sin how hast thou broken the harmony of creation! what discord hast thou introduced amongst birds, beasts, fishes, and men!

the greater devour the lesser: some feed upon others: men are wolues to each other: the poor are a prey to ravenous great ones: theres sin in it, sin is the cause of it, but the gospel-

Hos 2 18 covenant in good measure heals this breach for covenanted soules: however the devil and his

*A hawk: a vicious child is still called a 'glaid' in Halifax parish. J.H.T.

instruments have a bitter enmity agt Christs lambes: gods institution must hold, who hath put an enmity betwixt the seed of the serpent and woman: this Gen 3 15 is irreconcileable, we must trust the divine conduct and protection to passe through armys of enemys: our Lord Jesus, the captain of our salvation, our heavenly Micael, fights against the dragon, more Heb 2 10 vigorously doth he contend with the devil: about Rev 12 7 Jude 9 the soules of men then about the body of Moses, its true Satan (that hellish soul-catcher) gets Joh 17 12 some into his talons and devouring jaws, but they are sons of perdition, not Christs sheep, these he keeps and they shall not be lost: none can pluck them out of his fathers hand: All the voracious fowles Joh 10 28 29 of the air cannot catch the least chicken from our dear Lord, that is hatcht by the saving influences of gods holy spirit: yea what a feeling, lively resemblance is that of our blessed Jesus—who sth, how often would I have gathered thy children togather, Mat 23 37 even as an hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not: if the chicken be but under the hen, the kite and all the birds of prey cannot touch it till they have roued conquered, chased away or kill'd the hen, but tis impossible that either men or devils can overcom our blessed Lord: yea the great god saith, as an eagle stirreth up her nest, Deut 32 fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them beareth them on her wings—so the Lord alone did lead them-its a wonderfull condescention that the great god will be pleased to concern himself so much for the good of his poor helples people, yea he hath said he that toucheth them toucheth the apple of his eye, what can be nearer, and dearer to a man then Zech 28 the apple of his eye!

—::— A Distresse

Object 14 My neighbour I S having run behind into debt, had given bond and judgment to I C to whom he owed 80li and it slept in his hands aboue 2 yeares, but at last the poor debtors having shifted as long as they could and being

brought to a sad non-plus having a mind to have their landlord paid his just rent, went to him, told him their condition, he came with a cart, led in a considerable quantity of corn, set a lock on the barn door, thought it secure, this was on saturday Sept 16 1682, but on the munday Sept 18 comes I C with his execution, brings Bailiffs, I T and his men, seize on all the houshold goods, prize them, the cattle, corn in the field, and threatened to break off the lock, yet let it alone that day, but because there was not enough to answer the debt, came on wednesday morning, broke off the lock, seized on corn and hay in the barn, yet still there was not enough, allowing the Land-lord the rent past so the rest of the creditors were not to have one farthing, though some did come according to appointment, waited in vain, a wife and 5 smal children turned to worse then beggary, for all the goods are gone, and aboue 100li yet owing-Lord pitty their distressed state—another instance of the like nature we had the week before at Alverthorp of a debtor where the landlord lost his rent, Mr. R G, told me of it, and the creditor got all-

Observation Oh my soul what use wilt thou make of this providence, its sad indeed for the poor man and his afflicted family, that have lived in good fashion, (some thought too well for their rank and gettings) trading decayed, they borrowed as long as they could, shifted, and shuffled off, till credit was gone, and estate, Lord pitty them, Oh that I could at last, once at last, after all my paines with them, and admonitions of them, see any real sense of sin and an heart truly burdened with the evil of it! theres a greater debt I doubt upon them then this, I am sure upon all unconverted sinners, Oh what outcrys under this outward debt! what lamentations that they are undone! but not a word of their sad debt of sin and guilt, how do persons run on, run on upon the score without bethinking themselues how it must be paid, shifting still, on ways, have gripes, but they are stifled, go on still, regard not to get scores wiped off, sin grows bold, harts grow harder, convictions wear off, and poor sinners spend at a sad rate, and at last grow desperate, only natural conscience (gods best friend in a carnal heart) makes a faint motion that the great land-lord may have his right, and he is glad to destrain for his rent, gets something

though agt the sinners will, but in comes the Devil and pleads an antecedent bond and judgment under the sinners own hand, and brings his execution sweeps all away, so that theres nothing left for any to whom the sinner owed much, wife, child, servant, brother, neighbour must all goe away and haue nothing, nay god almighty, the great land-lord to whom the poor sinner owed homage and service is likely to be put off with little or nothing and he is put to compound with satan for his rent, though he be rightful owner of the soyle, I mean the soul, for now the Land-lord hath given the tenant warning to flit, laid him under the sentence of comdemnation clapt an arrest of the law upon him, he is in the Bailiffs hands, theres no way but one, the sinner must to prison, the soule must to hell, unlesse he can find good bonds, but mere legall security will not serue, a sufficient surety there must be, body for body, soul for

Job 33 24 soul, wel saith god, deliver him from going down to the pit, I haue found a ransom; the son of Mat 20 28 man (Christ Jesus, god and man) gaue his life

as a ransome for many, not only for sinners good, but in sinners stead, the appeal is legal, and allowed in the new gospel-court, blessed be god, Oh that poor sinners knew their malady, and understood their remedy! oh that we could see all taken from us, and we left meer beggars, and miserable divours! yea diseased soules, that we might see a need of the phisitian: yea it were well if we had eyes to see how woefully we have defrauded our great Land-lord of his easy and reasonable rent! and that Satan hath a bond under our hand, and is seizing on all, and seeking for us, and we cannot long make our escape but he will find us out, lead us prisoners, and oh for saving faith that our soules may be accepted, justifyed and saved!

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Brandy-plague

OBJECT 15 Timothy Starkey of Shelf going to Halifax Nov 22 1682 called at Stump-crosse, where he got ingaged in drinking with Mr Dean Mr Oates &c they were drinking that strong liquor called Brandy, would have him drink with them, he did, and tis sd he drunk 4 jacks weh are 2d a jack went homewards again, called at A Scots, drunk ale, got

home, that night fell very ill, was sore tormented in his body sent for phisitians, they could not help him, but attempted with probe to help him to make water, but could not, only fetched two drops of blood, yet they got him a stool, but he never could make a drop of water while he lived, on Wednesday Nov 29 I visited him, found him both ignorant and confident of his safe state, yet confessed he had brought it on himself, saying yet that it was accidental, and that he was not much intoxicated, and laid the blame on that strange sort of drink, saying, he had been oft worse howsoever I endeavoured to convince him of his sin, take him off his vain reasonings, but I fear, spent my breath for no purpose, went to prayer with him, struggled what I could, but alas, I perceived my heart was shut up, could not pray as at other times, I felt withdrawings as though god would not give me an heart to pray because he would not hear: he persisted in his vain pleas, I took my leaue of him. and A L with me, within an hour after he began to alter, and the night after he dyed, was buryed at Halifax on Munday Dec 4 1682: so gods will is done upon him:

Observation Oh my soul, consider the works of the Lord and the operations of his hands, oh how just is god in all his ways, and holy in all his works! when gods hand is lifted up men will not see, but they shall see: even a beast will not run into a bog where another is laid fast before them: Mr B dyed of drinking Brandy but a few weeks before: if it were a respect to their bodys, methinks rational men should refrain, as from poyson: But oh what a besotting thing is drunkennes! what a blinding influence hath a hard heart! this poor man (rich enough in the world) was grown to a great height of sinning, in scorning good things filthy talking had lately marryed his servant, was rude in drinking now his sin was filled up-its much to be feared he was ripe for cutting down, and god left him to be his own executioner, to take that which for quantity or quality proued his bane: yet Mr E minister at Coley preaching his funeral sermon on psal 116 15 rankt him among gods sts made his death precious, and sent him streight to heaven, I suppose upon ignorance of him, I wish it doe not harden wicked in their exorbitant courses, the subject speaks terrour (and caution tho the sermon speaks none) Lord set in with

it, oh that conviction may be fastened on consciences, that mens conversations may be reformed, their corruptions mortifyed, at least stopped: Lord strike terrour into them that were in company with him, and occasions therof to him: Oh when shall this desperat drunken humour be abated by such testimonys that god hath born agt drunkards, men will not punish that sin but god doth, Lord, that the awe of death may fright some to better manners: and oh that this damning hardening conceit of Christs dying for men and so they may liue as they best may be rooted out of mens minds, and their soules rightly informed of the termes of the gospel covenant Oh when will the mad world learn discretion, oh that others harms might make persons to beware! but these instances doe no good: sinners will not take warning, if they believe not Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe though one of their old companions should rise from the dead to warn them of the wrath to come on them, and that fiery indignation executed on themselues: theres no remedy, sinners still dye, they will perish, the mad and frantick world runs after their own ways, some grasping the worldly profits, others embracing the shadow of empty pleasures, others reaching after the aiery honours of this lower region, but aboue all, this drunken humour abounds amongst most, most men swim towards hell in the drunkards cup, and alas theres many new inventions to gratify the sensual mans palate, outlandish liquors are brought in, too hot for English bodys, Satans invention to kill soul and body at a blow, under a pretence of reviving the stomach over-pouring the spirits: Lord at last remove this drink, or mens thirst, and raise their appetites to better cordialls_

—::— Child murdered

Object 16 On wednesday Feb 28 168 as I was returning home from Rawdon calling at Bradford, M D would needs have me to goe discourse and pray with a sinking and sad family, the case was this, one Nathan Clegge near Bradford Kirk had a daughter that bore a child in his house, on saturday night Feb 17 8 and her father made a grave and buryed it in the barn on Lords day night, some suspecting,

search was made the child found on wednesday after, Nathan Cleg and another daughter were apprehended, carryed to York that week, the mother I found weak in bed, the daughter that bore the child I found walking by her, I discoursed as god helped, and prayed, but was much bound up in my spirit, pittyed them, two fellows were watching them day and night, designing to take them to York the assizes beginning on munday following, But I am most concerned upon the account of Religion wch hath a great blow by this dreadful evil, 1 the young woman lays the child on a servant in I Ks family (where she lived a season) religious persons, 2 her mother is a member of Mr W church, congregational: 3 the father hath been a great professour many years and a great talker 4 was at Mr Whitehursts meeting that day that he buryed the child at night—he did not use to go to church, but Mr Pemberton, vicar, and Mr Gleadston lecturer at Bradford did both discourse seriously with him after this business fell out, he thankt them for their good words, desiring their bowels might work and their bones drop some fruits of charity on him, thus consulting self he went to prison, writing confidently to I L for 30sh as if he had owed it him, asserting his innocency &c I did see little sense upon their spirits, but astonishment and ignorance, the young woman saying the devil had given her up, it may be meaning god hath given her up to the devil, wept sore:

Observation Oh my soul what cause hast thou to reflect solemnly upon the great abominations committed, especially this abominable sin of uncleanes and filthines amongst us at this day, all places abound, its said that in Halifax 36 unmarryed women are with child, another told me, of 40 light skirts known of in one parish, a child was born lately in Sr I K (a justice of peaces) house: many other astonishing storys I hear so that we seem to be as Sodom, and oh my soul thou that dwellest among them, shouldst not thou be a Lot in seeing and hearing vex thy 2 Pet 2 8 righteous soul from day to day with their un-godly deeds! Oh for a heart rent for thy own and other mens sins! which otherwise will become thine, where are those rivers of tears because men keep Psal 119 not but openly violate thy law? shall the name of god be dishonoured, gospel despised judgments hastened,

soules damned and thy soul not be grieved? oh my Lord, set this home upon my heart: especially when professors of thy name walk unsuitably, or abominable wickednesses break out amongst them, especially in such a season as this, when those that fear god are under a violent persecution, and dissenters are every where spoken against, and such things as those make us to stink among the inhabitants of the Land and account us all such, no better then whores, thieues murderers, and whatever shews we make we are a pack of arrant hypocrites, and ought to be severely punished, and the hand of publick justice will cut us off as malefactors, Oh where shall I put my head when such matters as these shall this week be produced before the Judg of Assize, with the Emphasis and aggravation of the character given of these arraigned at the Barre! oh what shame may cover my face when these things shall be cast in the dish of dissenters, and its said, these are your presbiterians, independents, separatists that pretend conscience that they cannot come to church, but will doe thus and thus! Lord what contempt is powred on us allready, and this wil exceedingly fill us with the scorning of the proud, and though they are all come off at the Assizes before an earthly judg, yet the blot still remaines upon Religion, and these persons must be arraigned before the impartiall Barre of the judg of heaven and earth, -oh that god would follow them with some conviction or affliction to bring them to repentance, and faith in cht, repair the credit of the gospel, and teach all his people humility and watchfulnes agt such sins:

Maid insnared

Object 17 This afternoon April 11 1683 my wife and I went to see a young woman at Westercroft, who is brought into a sad intangling snare, she was Mary Best, my old Landlord Bests daughter, and had 300 li to her portion, an hopefull person for Religion, had many worthy suitors, but was prevailed with to marry Joseph Priestly (Tho: Priestlys eldest son of Holdworth, who had bought Westercroft of Timothy Lunn, and gaue 600 li for it, valued it at 30 li a year: settled it all as a joynture on his daughter in law, reserving to himself 10 li a year, Joseph and Mary were

marryed Oct 3 1681 he trades, buying wool in country selling at Halifax—then turnes to be a carryer to London, bought John Smiths horses, had abundance of debt before he was marryed, hath made bad bargaines, drunk to excesse as I hear, fear, yea saw something of ground, went but about 3 journeys to London before he was arrested at Mounstrel, at midnight for 200 li debt, hurryed to prison at Leister there he lyes, at the suit of one Mr Mirial, his wife told us she knew of 600 li debt, but we hear tis 1000 li and there he is likely to lye and to aggravate the busines his own father Th P was arrested at Halifax by A W for 200 li on Saturday May 12 for near 100 li, slipt from the Bailiffs, got into his shop, lockt the door, Bailiffs broke it open, multitudes flockt about them, they kept him-thus afflictions come thick and threefold on a man that hath lived most part of his time in great credit, without crosses, and though he hath been an orderly civil person, yet many speak hardly of him for hard dealings which I know little of-

Observation But oh my soul, reflect on the vanity of this rolling inconstant world, now it flatters anon it frowns. like the tumultuous sea it is still ebbing and flowing, yea all sublunary things are like the moon still changing, they that pursue the world with most greedines cannot overtake it, if they overtake it they cannot catch it, if they catch it they cannot keep it, if they keep it awhile they cannot keep it long, at the furthest, death will part these dear friends, sometimes a wave of providence drives off goodliest treasures from the ship, and leaues admirers of the world in uncomfortable despair; some are wholesale men, all goes at once, others part with what they have by retail, it breaks some mens hearts, it breaks others backs, sometimes a curse is intailed on an estate, either not being well got, or ill kept, grounded reports of these forementioned cases brings into my mind that of Solomon Eccl 5 13 riches kept for the owners therof to their hurt, had relations debts been duly paid by such as ought to have done it, there might have been lesse guilt tho lesse estate, it might have had more blessing and longer duration, now innocent smart with the nocent, gods hand is heavy and righteous, oh for a heart to eve god and look back to repent and make restitution, or if that cannot be, to make acknowledgment and confession,

that if they loose earth they may get heaven: Oh that these poor souls (my ancient friends, or children of such) may now, now at last see the evil of sin, an emptines in the world, the beauty of holines, and now at last may set their faces for Zion—Lord, ingage my soul to take the faster hold on Cht, to lay a good foundation for time to come, and to lay hold on eternal life, happy, oh happy are they that haue a portion in god: an inheritance in heaven:

Bad councell

Object 18 May 7 1683 came to my house—Judith Higson, and because I was not at home she writ down her busines and left it for me, which was to desire my advice in a weighty case, she had also gone to Mr Dawsons, but found him not at home, the case was this. She hath a son by her former husband Abraham Swift (called also Abraham) who hath lyen long under a strange and sad hand of god in his body; he lyes in his bed, hath swelling in his throat, hand, cannot stirre, looks as one affrighted, about 12 years of age,—they had used many meanes for his cure, but all inefficient, that day, May 7, came to their house (not sent for by them but brought by a friend) one Dr Thornton, who sth it is not a naturall distemper, that he is troubled with, but he hath had some hurt by an evil tongue, he sth he will not prescribe any medicine for him, until his water haue been tryed by fire,—i e they must take his water and make a cake or loaf of it, with wheat meal and put some of his hair into it and horse-shooe stumps, and then put it in the fire, and till she or he or some one doe this he will prescribe nothing for him—not that he bids her say any words yet she feares it may be some kind of charm, and as she piously expressed herself (for I hope she is a good woman) I being afraid to offend god by such a tryall as he prescribes, I came purposely to you and Mr Dawson to get your judgment-Mr D came up to me the morning after to consult about it, we both concluded it not to be any way of god, having no foundation either in nature or divine revelation in Scripture, I went to Halifax that day to a funeral, called of her, told her our thoughts, and then perceived their imagination, that upon their using these means, the witch that had hurt him

would come and discover all—I utterly dislik'd it, so did her husband and she—I told them the right way was to goe to god by fasting and prayer, they consented, we appointed yesterday, weh was Wednesday May 16 1683, and Mr D, his son, J F, and I met there Ralp Higson, and 3 of us went to prayer, and tho were but few, yet we had much of gods presence with us; Oh what a mighty spirit did god assist us with, I will wait to hear what god will answer, I am sure this is gods way, and it may be god will appear in it, for help if not his will be done—

OBSERVATION And now, oh my soul, what sayst thou to this present providence? what a tryall was it to those honest souls! and what use shall I make of it? Methinks it brings to my thoughts our Lords Deut 13 1 to 12 if there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder—and that come to passe, thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, for the Lord your god proveth you :- thus god thought fit to prove his servants by this temptation: and blessed be god, that put it into their hearts, to ask and take advice, this was of god, and I hope the issue will be good, whatever god doe with the childs body, better that martyred then his soul murdered, (though I see no signes of witchcraft upon him, but a natural disease of runnings, swellings, and they acknowledged he was affrighted) for Satan never doth cures upon mens bodys, but it is to gain upon their soules so much the more: oh how subtile and insinuating is this tempter! what panders and wicked or ignorant agents doth he imploy! Oh wretched Empericks! Lord cut Satans chain, bring his cruel craft into disgrace, stop up all his cannels that bring soules swimming apace into the dead sea of damnation Oh why should precious souls gratify this prince of darknes! why should sinners bands be made Isai 28 15 stronger! why doe men think to make a covenant with death, and with hell be at an agreement?-surely god hath a hand that can sweep away their refuge of lyes: Oh that god would startle such councellours, and such as take this devilish advice, with such a word, is it not because there is not a god in Israel, that ye goe to enquire of Baalzebub

(the prince of lyes, Satan) the god of Ekron?

and should not a people seek unto their god, the living to the dead? Blessed be god that kept his servants

Jsai 8 19 from this unlawfull way, blessed be god that inclined their hearts to use gods own meanes, blessed be god, that assisted his servants in the use of his meanes, who knows but Satan wil be a loser by this ailemnt and Cht a gainer it was much to my satisfaction to hear some pray honestly that day I had never joyned with before, Oh my Lord, hear prayers, bottle those tears that haue been that day put up to thee: and let it appear that god is stronger than the devil, and overshoots him in his own bow—Amen, Amen—

—::— Popish Impostor

Object 19 One day when I was from home a woman came to my house, who lives in our own township at a place called Katharin-slack, and brought a letter, which came to her hands a little before, about wch she wanted my advice, and would have it copyed out,-The inscription on a paper in which letter was wrapt was-for Edward Bairstow in Katharin Slack near Halifax,—the title at the top, is Gods message from heaven,—and thus it begins A copy of a letter found written by gods hand as it is sd, and found under a stone in a village named Mackabe—near to the town of Isunday in the year of our Lord god 1603: This letter by the comt of Jesus Cht was found under a great stone red and large, it was at the foot of a crosse, 18 miles from the sd town of Isunday in the village named Mackabee, upon wch stone was ingraven these words, Blessed is he that turneth me: the people that saw the same writing did endeavour to turn it, but in vain, they prayd and desired of god to understand what the meaning of it was and there cometh a little child about the age of 6 or 7 years which did turn the stone without any worldly help to the great admiration of the beholders, and wn it was turned up, there was found under it a letter written in golden letters by the very hand of Jesus Cht wch letter was carryd to Isunday to be read, wch town belongeth to Bethsammadoun, therin was written the comts of Jesus Cht, sent by the Angel Gabriel in the year of our Lord, 1603, weh was as followeth, you say, they that work on the sunday are excommunicated, and cursed of Jesus Cht,—and I doe command yt you goe to church, that you keep the day holy without labour, that you earnestly desire me to forgiue you your sins, and offences, my comts you shall faithfully and zealously belieue keep and obserue, and shall steadfastly belieue that this was written with my own hand—to fast on fridays in remembrance of the 5 wounds I received for you—he that beleeues not that this was writ with my own hand is cursed,—whoso takes a copy of it, causeth it to be read and published shal be blessed, if he haue sinned as oft as there be starres fixed in the sky—he that keeps a copy of this in his house no evil spirit shall annoy him,—women shal be delivered of their burden, &c

In the name of Jesus Cht Amen.

Observation Oh dreadfull Blasphemy! oh horrid popish foppery! worse then Turkish Mahometan darknes: and must we sell our Bible and gospel for such lying legends? god deliver us from these Antichristian toys: quis talia Jando, temperet a ladreimis! my heart akes to think of the return of this Cimmerian darknes: I would not have taken this pains to transcribe this much unintelligible nonsense, but for these reasons, 1 that the world may have a tast in after times of popish ignorance and absurditys: 2 that doting priests and monks would put out peoples eyes and lead us blindfold whither they list, imposing the most ridiculous vanitys on us 3 that it might be discerned wt designes are in carrying on among us in this juncture scatterring such papers to prepare us for popery: 4 to communicate my sad apprehensions and feares of popery prevailing, and the rather because, 1 the person that brought this paper, desired yt I might write it fair over that she might keep in her house, yet shes an old woman that hath frequently attended my ministry: 2 I have frequently heard of the same paper scattered abroad elsewhere, and therfore writ for that end: 3 I have perceived that some ignorant people make a great reckoning of it, and give credit to it: and will be pleading for it: 4 I should tremble, if my heart were in frame to consider our common gospellers temper comparing it with that astonishing menace, 2 thes 2 10 11 Because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved-god shall send them strong delusions to beleeue a lye:—wt absurd doctrins of Quakers, seekers, ranters, (prologues to popery) that have been vented, but have gained proselytes! its astonishing to consider it, and why may not the dregs of popery be also admitted: the reason why most turn not blind papists is because they are not tempted to it: Lord lead us not into temptation: how are men pleased with noveltys or conceit of mouldy antiquity, prophanes makes way for popery: Oh that ever such stuff should be taking about Halifax, where gospel hath shewed so bright! wt shal we say of other dark places: Lord pitty us: They that have wandered after their lusts will wonder after the Beast: they that beleeue not gospel may beleeue the Devil: Joh 5 43:

Actorious Robber

Object 20 Upon thursday March 6 1683 one Mr J Hardcastle of Penthorp near Wakefield understanding that John Nevison, the highway-man was drinking at an Alehouse near Sandalcastle, took some with him, and so apprehended Nevison, brought him to Wakefield, Mr White made him a mittimus, sent him to York, in midst of the Assize, the judg proceeded on his former conviction, condemnation some yeares agoe, he had his pardon, but it was conditional, if he would leave the kingdom, but he had stayd so forfeited his life, the judg told him he must dye, for he was a terrour to the country, pronounced the sentence, which was executed on March 15 (my baptism-day) 1683—he was something stupid, yet at the gallows confessed that he killed Fletcher (the Constable near Hooly) in his own defence, but did not betray his companions, there was none but he executed at this Assizes, thus at last he is found out, and taken to his mischief, his time was come, tho he had a long reign, he was born at Wortley, betwixt Peniston and Rotheram, Mtris Cotton lived in the neighbourhood, knew his parents and him when young, they were brought up prophanely he marryed a wife at an alehouse therabouts, hath been a notorious wretch many ways, hath committed many robberys, had the country in such awe that the carriers paid him rent, duety, to let them alone others let him money, that he

might let them passe quietly, I have seen him passe ordinarily in the road, he led his horse lately down the street at Wakefield, was generally known, yet none were so hardy as to lay hands on him, tho there was 20 li by proclamation to him that should take him, but he is at last gone, and hath left much debt at severall ale-houses in the country where he haunted:

Observation Oh what a difference is there betwixt the god whom we serue and the devil whom wicked men serue! our dear and loving Lord preserues, secures, assists his servants in their way and work and never leaues them in their greatest distresse, and if they suffer any thing for him he doth abundantly reward them with comforts here and glory hereafter: but oh what a sad service is Satans drudgery! what rebukes of conscience, and wrath from heaven! what fears of discovery and surprizal! what hatred and contempt of men, what preparation to catch the malefactor as if he were a wild boar, or furious beast that devours the countrey, every one rejoyceth at his fall, that justice is executed and such villains rid out of the way, and the devil glad to see them trampered in the net, and their precious souls tormented in hell to all eternity, this is the wages of sin, this is the fruit of such abominable courses, to this miserable end doe these wild and wicked courses bring the practicers of them, the wise inherit glory, but shame shall be the promotion of fooles, a shamefull death, it may be promotion to the gallows is their utmost preferment, this poor man at last found and confest that his sabbath-breaking, drinking, lewd company and courses had brought him to that shameful end, its said he was a papist and had his pardon in his bosom, Oh that all his thievish and drinking companions might learn by his example to leave their wicked ways and fear god! his time is come, and he is gone to eternity, their time will ceartainly, may suddenly come, little did he think the morning of that day wheron he was taken wt that day would bring forth, but the text saith, he that being oft reproved and hardeneth his neck shal suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy: theres no remedy, Satans martyrs are numerous and adventurous, they will on though they see apparent death before them, Oh what a shame it is to Chts souldiers that will not on though they see a crown of life before them, our Lord Jesus endured the crosse despised the shame and is set down at gods right hand, he hath done much for us, oh that I could doe and suffer for my gracious Lord! Be ashamed, oh my soul, to see theeues dying to gratify a lust, and thou art so unwilling to suffer pain, and shame and death for thy dearest Lord, chide thyself, and learn to dye dayly and be willing to dye at his command:

—::— (Candering Lebites

Object 21 Mr Icabod Fournesse (once preacher at Coley chappel, since my Ejection) came to my house twice, and also is very melancholy talkt continually, but to little purpose, telling me of near 20 places where he had been since he was at Coley, in Lanc- Cheshire in Kent, Essex, Middlesex, once a reader in London, now come to Chappel-lebrears, they turn out Mr Cleg for him, tho its not worth 10 li a year, he was at Mr Holdworths of Asty, till they turned him away, then at Joshua Croslys, but they gaue him warning to provide for himself, he is very poor, his father and mother dead, my dear friends, for their sakes I talkt seriously to him, but he took no notice, but kept on his rabble, and is in danger to be lost unless lookt after:-Another I heard of yesterday (Nov 26 84) by H H, it is Mr. Richard Boys (son to John Boys of Halifax) whose father took great care of him, was at great cost to educate him at Cambridg and Oxford, bought him good books, disposed of him with Mr Hill, Mr Angier, Mr Ambrose and the best men, for his best good I my self can witnes his convictions temptations, hopefulnes once 20 years agoe and upwards, but he fell off to conformity, then to loosenes, and prodigious wickednes, was preacher at Horbury, Sneath &c listed himself a common souldier went into Flanders A D 1672 came again poor and miserable, forsaken of all his friends, hath no imploymt, but wandring, almost without cloths on his back, penny in his purse, hath been not long since at my house, with whom I talked, but find him besotted, now is he wandring about Halifax, almost pined, in a very forlorn condition, his wife lives like a gentlewoman, hath persuaded him to settle 6li a year on her and his

children, wch his father settled on him for his life, and he (simple man) having done it, turnes him off, and sth if he come near her she will stab him, being a bad woman—oh

astonishing!

Observation Surely there is some lesson to be learned from these sad objects, Solomon sth Pro 24 30 I went by the field of the sluggard, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding, and loe it was all grown over with thornes, nettles covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down then I saw and considered it well, I lookt upon it, and received instruction-Alas what will not a slothful and sinful soul spoyl and debase! how brauely were both these young men planted by their careful parents! what abundance of cost did they bestowe on them in their education, to furnish and cultivate them with humane and devine learning! what seeds did they endeavour to sow in them! but alas, vain company, and lust of drunkennes, with an habit of idlenes hath emasculated their spirits, instead of flourishing lillys of gifts, and savoury roses of saving graces, alas their soules are overgrown with pricking thornes and stinging nettles, and now divine justice hath broken down the stone-wal of protection from about them, common provision is in great measure denyed to them: they are (in a sort) cast out of the vineyard, as unprofitable branches, and are (as god threatens Eli's posterity 1 Sam 2 36) come, and crouch for a piece of silver, and a morsel of bread; thus god hath made them contemptible and vile before all the people, and they are as the tayl of all men: O that I could adore the justice of god! how unsearable are his ways, and his judgments past finding out! Lord who am I and what was my fathers house that thou hast brought me hitherto! why was not I left to myself as they are? what good didst thou see in me more than in them? I was no better then they by birth or nature, and worse then they once were by practice: and if god had withdrawn his grace from me I should haue been as bad or worse then they now: prophanes brings poverty, and a continuance in sin hardens, and makes desperate: poor Non-conformists turned out of all, liue, and liue comfortably with a good conscience in their bosomes: some conformists live miserably with a crackt credit and conscience: Behold a wonderfull act of providence: god forsakes not any but such as forsake him first: Lord keep me in thy way, and I will trust thee for provision: assist me by thy grace, and I doubt not but thou wilt keep me by thy providence: make my soul faithful to thee: help me in duty and thou wilt help me in mercy: let me honour thee and thou wilt glorify me:

King Milliam Dead

On tuesday night March 10 170½ as we were for going to bed John Priestly coming from Halifax called at my house with a letter, papers &c sate down told us that K William was dead, Mr John Longbothom writ so to Mr Abr Hall, others sd he was dangerously ill, little hopes of recovery, thus news was various, but upon thursday in the afternoon old Jonathan Priestley came up, hauing received a letter from his son Nath just then that it was certain K William 3d dyed on Lords day-morning March 8 170½ and Princesse Anne of Denmark was proclaimed Queen the same day in the afternoon—Sic transit gloria mundi:

William Prince of Orange, Stateholder in Holland, that marryd Mary the Elder daughter of K James 2d, upon James being a papist and misgovernment, was invited by Nobility, gentry to accept of the crown of England he complyd came to Torbay about Nov 5 1688 had but a few with him, about 14000, but K James on the throne had an Army of 50000, yet secretly skulkt away and left the throne vacant, went into France; our nobles crowned William 3d K of Engl Scotland, and Ireland, Flanders, was prudent, valiant, victorious, so that the nation hath been quiet under him he hath called severall parliaments made excellent speeches, behaved himself wisely, tho some of them have been rude, he hath had many Enemys an [d] Assassinates designing mischief to him, hath escaped abundance of dangers by land and by sea, hath been a faithfull friend to poor dissenters obtained for them a legall liberty dispensing with the law by Act of Parliament, issuing out a proclamation for it, which hath continued 14 yeares, blessed be god, we have prayd for him, thankt god for him, he hath oft professed to severall N C ministers that occasionally addressed him, or did converse with him, that he would stand our friend as long as

he liued, and he hath made his words good, but hes gone and Queen Ann (another of K James daughters) is to succeed who, they say is an high Episcopall woman, and what shall we now doe?

Reflection 1 Our first work is to inquire what sin hath provoked god to bring upon us this severe dispensation surely something is amisse in us, god corrects not without cause, have not we been lazy, secure, carnally confident, unthankfull, unfaithfull to god to our own people, self-seeking, aspiring after preferments, profits, falling out neglecting days and dutys of fasting and prayer, leaving our first love running into the world, Alas Alas we have been deeply guilty in these and many other cases, that have provoked god to nip such hopefull buds: its my sin my unworthines of such a mercy that hath cut us short, that hath killed so good a king in the prime of his days, about 50 yeares of age:

2 K William is gone in an evil time when great dependence was of him, great expectations from him the Emperour of Germany is fighting agt the french and spaniard, and our King was one of his principall confederates togather with the states of Holland, and severall princes of Germany, going to take the field, and forces raised in England the french king hath proclaimed prince of Wales (so called) King of England, our Parlts divided, and many subjects, papists and popishly affected, that if any stirs be raised will

be forward to promote their own Ends,

At this juncture when our great Assembly of Parlt were framing an oath of Abjuration to be taken by all i e= to be true to the Church of England as now established, which is tantamount conformity, it was carryed in the affirmative by 155 in the negative by 170, knowing K W inclinations might be agt it to comply with him, but now if it come on again, and a friend to that party upon the throne, who knows what the issue wil be?

4 It is sd that Scotland makes a motion to chuse the Duke of Monmouth for their King, which may occasion a

war, and many bestirring themselues to doe mischif:

We may guess at these bad consequences, but worse may follow that we cannot guesse at, god only knows what evils this may be a gap to open to

Houever the losse of a good king is an unparaleld losse how doth the church cry out Lam 4 20 the breath of our nostrils the annointed of the Lord was taken in their pits, of whom we said under his shadow we shall liue among the heathen: yet he was none of the best of kings: But god hath herin taken the crown from our head, our defence under god is departed from us O what use might he haue been of, yea and he was of! how many blows did he shield us from! how seasonably did the Lord bring him in! what a nursing father hath he been! what peace haue we had in his days! what influence hath his incouragements and Example been! But alas how little can one man doe unlesse he have some to assist him! however it is matter of lamentation that such a mans place is vacant: Paul saith even of heathen magistrates Rulers are not a terrour to good works but the evil, Rom 13 3 4: Blessed be god that we have had such a one that hath kept sinners in awe, and now it may be feared wickednesse will grow rampant, and hell wil break loose: Lord stop the outbreakings of sin, awake the consciences of thy people, let wickednesse be restrained, let a spirit of prayer be poured on thy people: make thy servants faithfull in their places, to put on others to the practice of holines to admonish evil doers, to set a good Example, and endeavour to make up their defect: that Religion may at last thrive among us:

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1 The more a christian prays out his own strength the more he prays in gods strength:

2 If the spirit help us not to cry in supplication gods

hand will make us roar in affliction:

3 Heaven must come in to our soules or our soules shall never enter in to heaven:

4 The more the heart goes after god the more god comes

in unto the heart:

5 The soul abasing itself to the pit of hell, yet expecting the best of heaven at the same time, is a paradox

Some Remarkeable Returnes of Prayer A D 1682*

Qu: How dost thou know when god answers thy prayers? or that these or any other mercys are given as a return of prayer? vid ad finam

My dear wife had her sore sicknes of a fever had her crisis—was at the worst on Saturday night Jan 24 16% see a little book of Experiences and Returns of Prayer Numb 63 my last feaver pag 124 begun Sept 25 1691 continued 10 weeks brought me low my crisis was oct 1691

I was more then ordinarily assisted in the duty of prayer in my closet early upon wednesday morning, before it was light, Jan 25 168 and that day at Mr Dawsons and amongst other things both these times for the conversion of soules to god, methought I could take no denyal, seldom haue I had the like pantings of heart, and agonys, and the day after I rode to Sowrby preacht my monthly lecture at S H. that night lodged at old I Greenwoods of Red-brink, where liues M B a gracious young woman, who dis-coursing with me about soul concernes the morning after Jan 27 1681 told me when she first came thither, and a considerable time after, she was much discouraged, having no society to converse with, no religious meetings, but now in two or three yeares time god hath raised up at least twenty persons, men and women, that are exceeding forward and hopeful for a sound work of grace, one wherof, a young man at S W ownes Mr Wittar of Sowrby as the instrument of conviction, most of the rest own the labours of this poor worm, and a young woman confesseth that god laid hold of her heart the first time I preacht in that place aboue Sowrby blessed be the name of my god,—I observe of late more affectionate echoings in prayer and sensiblenes of spirit under ordinances then formerly, blessed, blessed be my god—this is worth all my travels thither:

^{*} The MS. volume from which the following notes are taken is only partially filled.

Feb 8 168½ at my return home from Bingly, &c wheras the young mens conference should have been at my house, by reason of my unceartainty whether I could return that night it was put off, however one young man came viz Joseph Wood, and after we had read and sung for familyduty. I get him to goe to prayer with us, weh he did, and that with such affectionatenes in confessing sin, self-loathing, pleading with god for grace, pardon communion with god, for the church, soules conversion, for me, my wife, sons, blessing god for us, &c for aboue an hour togather, that I stood admiring, thought strange that such expressions, warmth, solidity and extraordinary workings should be in such a young man, I shamed with my self to hear what a clear and remarkeable work of god there was upon him, and what proficiency he had made in knowledg and grace, indeed he had before opened his heart to me and told me that about 5 yeares agoe by the sermons I preacht on Jer 17 9 upon the hearts-deceitfulnes, god awakened his conscience, laid him very low, and then god quickened, comforted him by some sermons I preacht on Hos 2 14 about a door of hope and at some other times by other sermons, and I had been much refreshed by his very sensible and satisfying discourse when he was admitted to sit down with us at the Lords supper—but that evening before mentioned he desired a little further to discourse with me privately, we went into the little parlor, there he gaue me such a remarkeable account of his experiences as did almost astonish me and comfort my heart, the terrours he had, the settings back and then forward by the word preached, particularly, he thought that terrible word was spoken to him from psal 119 thou puttest away the wicked of the earth like drosse, it cost him many sad days and nights of sorrow and search whether he was not drosse, but god satisfied his soul, he also found much good from the sermons my son John preacht about growth in grace, &c but besides himself he acquainted me with one Stephen Hal a young man near Chappel-le bryars, his intimate companion this two yeares, whom god wrought upon by my ministry, who used to conferre togather in the evening, god bring each other upon the way, and before they parted they prayd togather in the corner of a field, and now lately god hath laid hold on the heart of Richard Hall the elder brother, who

joyns with them, and they doe pray togather in the corner of a field, and of late haue met togather in Josh: Woods, little Jams I, and some other hopeful young persons joyn with them, and are exceeding forward, even to admiration, he told me of a strange surprise and impression left on his spirit upon the funeral sermon for Joshua Baker I preacht at Ia Halsteds on 2 tim 4 8 on that fact: that christians motions towards god are most vigorous towards a close—it was so with that notable young man dead—I am apt to think this exceeding forwardnes portends death approaching or preparing them for some notable service or suffering near—Oh blessed, blessed be my god for this fruit of my poor labours—

Friday Feb 17 168½ in the forenoon I did set my soul solemnely to spend some houres in prayer, for my soul, church, family, amongst the rest my heart was much carryed out for my son John, for I had not received any letter from him of 9 or 10 weekes, though he promised when he went to his people to write shortly it troubled me much, I had writ 3 several letters to him, but could not hear a word, my vain imaginations suggested strange feares and suspicions, yet when god helped me to pray, I was much eased and quieted in my spirit, at last god brought in an answer for on Feb 22 8½ god sent him home, safe and sound having received my letter wherin I desired him to come that week and supply for me on Lords-day following, god had preserved him in two dangerous falls, without considerable hurt, blessed be god: god hath given him a people in two places to preach to though in houses, in Lanc: and Westmorland, increased their number, and willingnes, gives hopes of doing them good, hath inlarged his heart in his work alone, with them, they are but poor, able to doe little for him, but poor receive the gospel, he had sent 3 letters to me they all miscarryed, it may be to quicken me in prayer, by putting me in fear, Feb 24 he and I spent some time in prayer, god graciously helpt us both, blessed be his holy name:

On Lords day Feb 26 he preacht at my house in my absence, upon Rom 8 18 god wonderfully assisted him in melting affections in prayer, much suitable matter in laying open the reckoning and account Christians should make of sufferings, and the inconsiderablenes of them compared with

glory, W N told of much good he had by the experimental truths in those discourses, blessed be god, on tuesday Feb 28 after I had preacht, we resolved to spend some time in prayer, my son Eliezer begun, and god did sweetly help him, with some sensiblenes about his oune condition, mine. his brothers, and John proceeded: spent aboue an hour, but with such tendernes, inlargednes, both in expressions and affections, as I have seldom heard the like, taking shame to himself for sin, giving glory to god whatever god did with him, pleading for a principle of saving grace, pardon, interest in Christ-an heart to be serviceable to god in his church, in the meanest capacity, that my heart was much affected and was ready to suggest, that either god would take him away shortly by death, or would make singular use of him in his church, Blessed, blessed be my dear Lord, I could freely passe some other acts of indiscretion in worldly matters, since grace hath thus abounded to his soul-

4 Munday Jan 30 168 we had a very solemne day of fasting and prayer at Wm Naylors, chiefly about the sad case of his child, which had been as lusty and louely a child as was in the country of more then ordinary ripenes and forwardnes for wit and natural strength, many wondred at it, the parents were ready to boast of it, but it suddenly fell ill with a strange lamenes, al its joynts were taken from it, it would not eat but pin'd away, it was a very sad object, all thought it would dye, they used several means with it, but all was ineffectual, W Naylor its father was under much discouragemt, but on that forementioned day we spread its case before the Lord, god sent in the help of Mr Smith, and Mr Dawson and this unprofitable creature, god gaue in some more then ordinary assistance, after that day it pleased the Lord to grant the child a stomach to his meat, some sleep, considerable strength, so that its father tels me this day which is March 10 1681 that it hath gone by itself, only its weak in the back, and some are ready to fear the Ricketsbut blessed be my god that hath done this much in answer of prayer-Deo gratias-April 26 1682 we kept a day of thanksgiving in that place for that mercy-the child well recovered -

- 5 On Tuesday morning March 14 168 god did sweetly help my heart in prayer in my closet, gaue me some tokens for good, being to travel to I Butterworths that day and to preach, it was a difficult journey by reason of a deep snow, but god helpt me to commit myself into his hands according to psalm 37 5 and god graciously preserved me one passage was observable, I turned out of the way to visit J Wadington a christian friend leading my horse down the hil where none had passed, I got deep in a snow-drift my horse sunk deeper, struggling to get out, lift up himself, threw himself over a wall, where was a precipice behind it, yet falling on his back in a snow-drift, got no hurt, but wrestled out, I followed him, and god preserved me and my beast, according to that word, thou preservest man and beast psal the same day Susanna Tillotson our servant maid going carelesly down the steps to the well, both her feet slipt from her and she fell into the well to the middle, but got hold of the wall, and so was mercifully preserved blessed be the name of god, she was in danger of drowning, god only secured her, we take notice of apparent hazards, but who knows our unseen dangers, our preventing privative mercys our far more then priviledging mercys
- Many and importunate haue been my prayers and wrestlings for my son John (who may on that account be called Issachar) and god is giuing me further and fuller answers of my prayers, 1 god sent him home from his brother out of Nottinghamshire thursday night March 23 168½ and he was stopped by the way to preach the excercise at Mr Cottons the day before, having with good acceptance preacht at several other places in that journey at Mr H Gills, Mr Wingfields, Mr Taylors &c this is a mercy that any will own him in the Lords work: 2 we had the Lords supper at my house march 24 81 and he stayd (tho he designed forward to his place) god inclined his hart to be very ingenious and open-hearted with M. B. in acknowledging sin voluntarily, begging prayer and god melted him sweetly in that ordinance: 3 on Saturday he and I spent some time in prayer, wherein god helpt us both very graciously, with much melting before god, in his little parlour, I thought there were the breathings of gods spirit,

both for matter and manner, if I have any skill, or experience, 4 on Lords day, he preacht in the morning for me an excellent, pithy, substantial sermon on 2 pet 1 10 if ye doe these things ye shall never fall—it was a sinewey, elaborate, affectionate discourse about perseverance—blessed be god—herin god hath answered me in making my son (I humbly hope) a good man, a good preacher of useful gifts—deo gloria—

- It pleased god to exercise the nation the last year viz 1681 with an extraordinary drought, so that people generally had not the third part of the hay they used to haue, and although towards the latter end of the year god remembred us with rain, therby furnishing us with grasse for cattel, so putting on winter mercifully, yet in Febr: and march a sharp frost preceding, and great drought following, grasse came not, no hay to be got, and many got straw (wch yet was scarce and dear, 8d or 10d a thraue), some got ling, others thresht gorses for food, many cattel dyed, the creature fainted, people sadly complained, the ground chapt, dust in lanes, grasse withered, nothing to bite at, yet people forced to turn out their beasts, feared such a drought as was last year but god set the hearts of his people to beg rain, amongst the rest I can truly say my heart was drawn out especially upon April 9 1682 at A F in Little Leaver, where providence cast me that day, god helped me to plead for rain importunatly, from his gracious promise, cattles necessity &c I have seldom had the like on such an occasion, and behold before we parted that very day, about two a clock, the Lord heard, and his paths dropped fatnes, the heavens poured down a plentifull rain, and near a fortnight after, so that corn and grasse spring incredibly, blessed be our prayer hearing god: Isai 65 24: Psal 65 per totum:
- 8 My son Eliezer hath had a sad quartan ague reigning upon him aboue a year which was in measure abated by a dose prescribed by Dr Cart, called decoctum amazum, constantly taken when his fit begun, but returned upon getting a cold he thought he should be better by travelling April 7 82 he set forward, travelled through Lancashire to Ormskirk, Lancaster, Westmorland, Craven, came to us, thursday April 23 very hearty, his body in a good plight hauing been

of use, left us April 21, his heart in a good frame—blessed be god—god had helped us to plead with god for him, and he answered—

- 9 On Lords day April 22 1682 at noon when I had done my work, Anthony Naylor told me he had a servant maid in a great terrour of conscience, desired to speak with me, wch she did, and oh wt bitternes of spirit was she in! complaining of her undone state, under dreadfull apprehensions of wrath, I thought she was in a hopefull spirit of bondage, though she had been brought up in an ignorant place, aboue Heptonstall, she had used to hear me at Sam: Hopkinsons, god had toucht her heart by my ministry, blessed be my god—still she holds on in the pursuit of god, practice of Religion, this 24 of April 1683
- 10 At the generall Quarter-sessions at Pontefract, April, 25 1682 the order and warrant for disturbing Conventicles, isued out the sessions before was to be delivered in by constables, Church-wardens, overseers and to be sworn to, whether executed, they all went, the justices used great severity, threatened many, fined some, imprisoned 6 or 7 Constables for not giving in right informations, sent Mr Triget (a non-conformist minister) to York castle for refusing an oath (some say a test for D of Y succession) yet god brought off the constable of our town, James Scolfield very well, he informed upon oath that though he came upon the most likely place for a conventicle—yet he saw no people, but the family (that was my house)—so he came off well, they did accept of his Bill—and this day (wch is April 30 1682, just ten yeares since I came to this house) we have injoyed our publick meetings, herin god hath heard our prayers in 3 days this week viz tuesday, wednesday, friday, in our meetings, wherin he inlarged our hearts, blessed, for ever blessed be my god-what distinguishing kindness doth our Lord shew to us! other ministers meet and preach in the night, none in these parts injoy such liberty, not for our worthines, but undeserved kindnes to us on munday May 1 82 our constable came in kindnes to me, gaue me account of these transactions—blessed be god—

11 On Tuesday May 2 1682 I had a call to keep a fast at Robt Smiths at Southourum where was a considerable number, I preacht there besides pray'd, among whom was Thomas Gill that lives there, on whom god wrought by my poor ministry when he lived in my neighbourhood, and he is removed thither to be an useful instrument to promote much good, but his praying was admirable, far beyond his parts, or any expectations, with such pertinent matter, method, words, as I admired, for aboue an hour, oh wt hath god done for him? snatched him out of an ignorant family and place (Carleton in Craven where he was born) but amongst the rest of his petitions he much inlarged himself about me, blessing God for me,-praying for further assistance, successe for my labours, his heart was wonderfully melted, he had this expression concerning me, that he could travel no where abroad, but he could hear of some good done by me, to use his words, that god had helpt me to shoot such shafts and darts as here and there had pierced hearts, and stuck fast for conviction and humiliation of sinners-let god haue the glory for nothing is due to me a nothing creature, yet god forbid I should obscure or deny what my dear Lord hath done in me or by me-Rom 16 17 18 19-

of old James Dickinson, heard that the Bailiffs of Halifax had warrants some sd they were for me, and Mr Smith. I sent and could learn no ceartainty, only the bailiffs sd they would doe me no hurt if they could help it, only they told my friend they would not haue me preach that sabbath, but on Saturday May 13, 1682 god wonderfully helped my wife and me in pleading with god in that and other affaires, oh what a presence of god did the Lord afford to us! and though that night we could get no ceartainty, yet we adventured to spend the day after in my publick work, had as numerous assembly as ever, gracious assistance, and no disturbance, blessed be my god—

The same day we heard that the Lords day before the D of Y going by sea for Scotland, and many of the nobility with him, near Humber-mouth, by distresse of weather, in a violent storm, suffered shipwrack, the ship sunk, himself

with 8 more saved, 150 drowned—we heard his design was

not good in that journey Lord awake, humble-

The same day I had a letter by post from my son Eliezer, and he is perfectly recovered of his ague, he sth his journey hath been physick to him—blessed be god—

- Westmorland, to Lancaster, and having dispatcht my visits, on my return I lodged at John Thorntons where my son John hath preacht, and making diligent inquiry into my sons carriage I had a very good character concerning him, in the several places where he had conversed, god had much helped him in his work, though alas the people were afrighted from attendance, weh was a great discouragemt to him, so I brought him home with me, and have much incouragement concerning him: blessed be my good god:
- of fasting and prayer at my house held up by our young men, wherin we spent 6 houres, and it pleased god wonderfully to assist them in powring out their soules to god, and giuing god thanks for what god had done for them in that roome, my heart was much melted while several of them were in duty: After they were gone Joseph Wood stayd with me, propounded some weighty cases of conscience, concerning the work of repentance, profession &c then told me of severall persons that had some hopefull workings tending to conversion, but could not expresse themselves to me, but desired I might treat on Isai 40 11 which they judged was proper to their case, labouring as it were with young under many soul-conflicts begun under my ministry—blessed be god:

15 The beginning of the week viz May 31 1682 our constable called of me, told me the justices were to meet on Saturday and that he was threatened for favouring us, we made account of severity agt us, as wel as others, for theres 5 places broken in our parts, when god hath preserved our liberty, some thought the Justices would send for me and tender me oaths, and upon my refusal send me to prison as they had done Mr Triget of Pomfret, on Saturday afternoon god helpt me wonderfully in pleading and answered, for the the justices met they medled not with us, so we were quiet,

had a full meeting, sweet liberty all day, I was helped 5 houres, on Joh 5 14—John preacht at night on Joh 5 40—to a full auditory, one day more—

- 16 June 8 1682 coming to preach at Samuel Hopkinsons at Sowrby I saw a wonderful work of god in answer to prayer, a young woman that liues there, who the time I was there before lay speechles, seized on with a strange unusuall distemper, lay for 4 days sometimes, as dying, took not food, but what was poured in, and what should have gone downwards came up at her mouth, urine, and excrements, &c but now I found her prettily recovered, but weak, sate up, talkt experimentally with me, abode while I preacht, god had helpt me, and that society to pray heartily for her, gives us some hopes of good to her soul, body—
- 17 On Friday June 16 1682 came Hanna Wooller of Bradford to me, and told me she was persuaded god had heared our prayers for her for she was very ill and out of order in her body the week before and on Lords day forenoon, but it pleased god to make a sudden alteration in the afternoon, and ever since and god had helped us to pray for her that day, and she was able to come forth on the Friday, a gracious woman blessed be god—afterwards safely delivered—
- 18 on wednesday june 21 1682 being at James Tetleys at a private fast, he went to prayer himself, and expressed his thankfulnes to god solemnly for the Lords laying hold upon his heart by some sermons I preacht aboue 20 years agoe in Coley chappel about Repentance from Act 17 30 blessed be god—
- 19 On friday night and saturday morning jun 23 and 24 1682 I set myself a little to pray for the restraining of that unseasonable and immoderate rain, (though I could not get to it before, but still forgot it) and that day it pleased the Lord to send a fair sun-shiny day, blessed be god, and some other days after.
- 20 My two sons being gone their journey to London, june 13 1682 having parted with their company, (Mr Gilbert and Mr Joseph Brooksbank) at Huntingdon, and going by

Cambridg, I heard nothing of their arrival at London, was something troubled, and on June 24 82 (my wife and maid being from home) god much assisted my heart in secret prayer, particularly for them, at night the same day my wife came home, brought me a letter from my son John, signifying the gracious providence of god in their journey and settlement in Mr Denhams family, and their kind reception by many good friends, blessed blessed be my good god—

another letter from my son El July 8 1682

21 On Lords day June 25 1682 we had notice that Samuel Holdsworths wife of Hagstocks in Shipden was taken very ill, (being with child,) with violent pain, a gracious woman, yet at that time had not any kindly travel, she had gone several weeks past her accounts, so that some begun to suspect her being with child, feared her death, that Lords day night god helped me to put her into gods hands by prayer, (as we had kept a day for her several weeks before), behold on munday at noon suddenly she was delivered of a fine son, they had much adoe to fetch the midwife from the next house, providentially come thither to help before she was delivered—

the child dyed Friday june 30

22 July 3 1682 at Bolton a young woman hauing long desired to talk with me, came to M H where she opened her heart to me in affectionate manner with many teares complaints about her spiritual state, god had first toucht her heart by a sermon I preacht at Coley chappel fiue years ago, her name was Ester Crompton (Tho: Cr: daughter) her sensiblenes and experiences gaue abundant satisfaction that the work of god in her heart was saving, blessed be god,

July 5 1682 at Cozen I Scolcrofts in Breamit where I preacht, and one Alice Howarth in Midelleton parish took me and told me of gods working on her heart 16 yeares at Ab: Fletchers at Ratcliff bridg on 2 Cor 5 17 which I never knew before, but she seemed a savoury serious Christian,

but much assaulted with temptations-

July 6 82 at Bury I called of one Dorothy Holt, who told me god first toucht her heart, by one Mr Dean curate at Bury who afterwards proved ill, but then hopeful, she had further assistance by a sermon I preacht at Adam Fernsides in the barn on psal 16 11 but doubted whether the work was saving because the instrument was bad, it seemed a right work, I satisfyed for that—

the same journey I had a good account of 3 more whom god wrought on by my ministry many yeares agoe, Mary Collier in Bolton, with whom I discoursed, little Ann in little Bolton, and Elizabeth Kay, near Bury of whom I had a good character, they are upright, faithful, blessed be god,—its an answer of prayer, for when I went from [home] I begged yt god would satisfy me about his grace in soules:

23 On Thursday July 20 82 my dear friend Joshua Soynier came to me, desired me to come over to his house, to talk with his daughter Phœbe, for she was in much trouble of spirit and violently hurried with temptations. did so, found her in much astonishment, her temptation was concerning gods providence, that he rejects so many thousands in the world, doth not hinder their sinning as he could doe, &c, she could not sleep, nor pray, she abhorr'd these thoughts, Yet was haunted with them day and night, when she was helped to pour out her heart to god, she found some ease, new assaults did vex her to death, I was wonderfully inlarged with prayer with and for that family: so left them: munday morning july 23 she came to me, told me of some help she got on Lords day, but it stayd not, was still harassed, yet she had a very sensible savoury spirit, I hope god hath done her saving good in his ordinances some years agoe, tho shes young, blessed be god

24 my sons being at London and there being such uproares about chusing Sheriffs, and not writing to me, my wonted trouble came upon me, posts came, passengers come that had been at London, carryers weekly yet no letters came, I fell to my wonted course easing my heart to god in prayer—in my dayly devotions, and in a special manner upon July 24 82 wherin god helpt me much, and god answered, for on wednesday Mr Bb: Hall coming from London brought me a letter and good tidings therin, of gods mercy to them both, blessed be god—

Another by post Aug 1 1682-

25 My expectations were great concerning my sons at London, and many times spread their case before my dear Lord, being jeolous of them lest they should be led aside by temptation, and did tremblingly wait for an answer of prayer by S B, at last she came home, Sept 2 1682 and brought one from my son Eliezer, who was at Barnet drinking waters (weh he sth doe him good hauing been indisposed) with Mtris Denham and her family, and is thinking to come doun, hauing (as he sth) lost his mate, i e his brother John, who is gone to a place Aug 17 1682, weh is one Mr Joseph

Marsh Esq: 4 miles wide of St Albans, near to Watford in Hartfordshire, a very good family, name is not high and great, but (I hope sth he) holy and gracious, an old gentlewoman, her son, a few servants, they have a great respect for him:

Mtris Denham writes thus to me,—God be thanked their carriage and behaviour is very becoming it is a mercy to injoy such company, and such prayers as we have shared in since we injoyed their good company. I hope god hath provided well for Mr John,—sr the paines they have been at upon our soules account will answer that (ie diet) and more: this she writes, blessed, blessed be my dear and loving, prayer-hearing god its not in vain to seek the Lord. I can say it and subscribe to Psal 73 28 Lam 3 25: Isai 45 19

a like full account I had from John Sept 8 82

This day Sept 4 1682 I have met with two remarkeable returns of prayer, 1 I was at James Scoffields near Southourum who began with prayer, prayd an hour very sensibly, understandingly, affectionatly, I hope theres good things in him and his wife, tho in much trouble of spirit: 2 as I went thither Ms Ramsden told me of one Amblers wife that had been in travel all last night, was in hazzard, god helpt me to pray for her, and as I came back she was safely delivered, blessed be god: I may adde the same night Ph: Soynier came to me, told me how god had much abated her horrid temptations, she had acquainted me with, only she complained she got not a thankful heart, so affected with mercys, as she desired—

27 It pleased god to put us in great fear of an unseasonable harvest by reason of an excessive and long continued raine most of July and August, so that corn did not ripen, though the earth was abundantly loaden with fruits, so that many were much discouraged, complaining that the like weather us to seek him by prayer and fasting and behold for fair a sudden change, for the clouds knit up, sun hath scarce broke out on munday Sept 4 1682, continued been seen admirable harvest weather, wch ripened corn so long 8 apace, continued some weeks wherby much is weeks &c already reaped, housed—

- 28 We had a solemne day of fasting and prayer at Will: Clays Aug 24 1682 as upon public accounts, so for his wife, who was in expectation of pangs, but she deferred till Sept 12 then she had pain, weary pain, no kindly pangs that and the next day, slept none for 2 nights we prayed for her on wednesday Sept 13 at J Longb—at a fast, still she continued ill, but not likely for deliverance, on thursday morning Sept 14 I set myself to plead particularly for her, god did help gaue me encouragement, I rode from home preacht my lecture at Sowrby at my return my wife told me the good tidings that Mercy Clay had brought forth a braue son, tho she had great extremity I went that night, payd my vows for her, and with her, blessed, blessed be god:
- 29 On Lords day night Sept 17 1682 a yong man one Jonathan Denton, living at John Ramsdens, stayd late, till after repetition to discourse with me, and I was very much incouraged with his understanding, savoury and experimental discourse, though he had his bitter complaint about the frame of his own spirit, yet he asks pertinent Quest of soul-concernment, he hath attained to a great measure of knowledg, and I hope there is a principle of saving grace, he spends much time alone by himself in prayer meditation, reading, attends diligently on meanes of grace, tis 4 yeares since he began to mind his soul, hath talkt with me formerly, but now is come in, blessed be god Oh for a thankful heart!
- 29 Sept 30 1682 in the road as my wife and I were riding from Manchester to Cockey in Lancashire, in Standlane a gentleman and his man overtook us, rid after us in a strait place as if he would ride over us, I stood by when I

could, he stopt as he passed by us, and began to examine me whether I was one of the Church of England, I saw he was drunk, and gaue him no answer for a while, he said I honour your coat and rid bare, and inquired my name and where I lived, I told him, still he urged me vehemently to declare what I was,—I spoke sparingly, he guessed therby what I was, and then grew into a rage, and sd you are some damned presbiterian, and fell a cursing, railing and damning me, and all such like at a dreadful rate, and sd he would fight for the church of England, and went over with the word damn, scores of times in riding, half a mile, he gaue me horrid provoking language, to pick quarrels with me, I lift up an ejaculation 1 that god would moderate my spirit and guide my lips, 2 that god would deliver us out of his hands, he had sword and pistols, and would neither ride before nor behind in a strait lane, but justled us, being double, with his mighty horse, god heard us in both, I turned up at R W, he went on, he was one Mr Rigby of laigton by Chorly, my wife trembled—the same man drew his sword at another man on a slight occasion that night—blessed be god—

- 30 At my return home out of Lanc: Oct 6 82 I was told Mr Dawson my dear brother was sorely afflicted with the stone, the morning after I went to see him, found him bowed down with torturing pain of the stone in the reines his phisitian J H was with him, spoke doubtful words, suspecting a stoppage in the Uriters, he would needs have me goe to prayer for him, I did so, god graciously helped me in pleading for him with some teares, affection, so at home and in my congregation on Lords day—and on Lords day about 12 a clock he voided a big, sharp, red stone, wch he kept and shewed me on tuesday, going to see him, he ingaged me to kneel down and thank god for him, which I did, and god helped, he being at ease, and in good health: blessed, blessed be my good god—
- 31 Octob 14 1682 there came to me one Susanna Clayton, born near Idle, late servant to W Walker of Walterclough, told me how god wrought great convictions upon her spirit by some sermons I preacht upon Hos 2 15 of the valley of Achor a door of hope, and much heightened by a sermon I

preacht, on Act 16 30 what shall I doe to saved? she expressed herself very sensibly, hopefully, I was refreshed in discourse, with her, and hope there is something of god wrought in her heart, she expressed her desire to come to the Lords supper, Lord fit her for it—

32 On Lords day Octob 15 1682 I put my Nephew N H my dear brothers son, (now with me, lately brought up with Mr Frankland,) upon preaching, in stead of my repeating god wonderfully helped him with proper and profitable matter, about Repentance from Mat 4 17 he prayed and preached near two houres very sweetly, blessed be my god who heares the prayers of his servants, tho they see it not, yet I can say my eyes see, and eares hear a comfortable return of my own poor prayers, on that behalf—

33 on wednesday octob 18 1682 I was at a day of thanks—giving at Isaac Balmes jun: and stayd there all night, and in the evening I told them we must not lose time, but put them on praying, Isaac Balm begun, prayd sensibly, and zealously, then John Hanson prayd scripturally and understandingly, then Joseph Hodgson who prayed exceeding well, though a very young man, all of them far beyond my expectation, and are very hopeful blessed be god for this rising generation they are all my hearers, and the children of my dear Christian friends

34 The same night Debora Hodgson told me she saw a letter writ by Mr Brian Dicksons eldest daughter to Mr Sharp, wherein she expressed much sensiblenes of spirit and hath been in great troubles, and in communicating her experiences, she expresseth that the first awakening conviction that she had upon her heart was by a sermon that preacht at Mr Sharpes meeting-place at Mill-hill in Leeds aboue a yeare agoe upon the bag and bottel, from Job 14 17 and psal 56 8, it seems the word hath a resurrection, tho we know it not till after: she is very hopeful for grace, and expresseth some desires to partake of the Lords supper, blessed, blessed be my god for it:

35 On Tuesday-night Octob 24 1682 I had a letter from both my sons, and abundance of mercy in both, John signifys

that after they had ended their fast octob 14, and therin having affectionally prayed for me, he thought (as he sth) to ease his own (and possibly your) heart in a few lines, as he sth and truely it doth much ease me, to read wt he writes,he sth we through mercy are yet quiet, though threatened, god hath been pleased to settle me in a retired place, where I have great conveniences for private meditations and studys, my work is full (and it may be as much or more then I shal be able to continue to goe through), tho god is able to strengthen me, both inwardly and outwardly,-I think it good to be freed from the crowd and temptations of the world,—oh beg that god would give me a better heart willing to improve advantages in order to future service,let me have the help of your prayers that our breathing one for another may often meet before the Lord:—god hath and doth help me to lye before him, look back into my life, and oh the sweet hours I haue had in secret with my best friend! God help me to maintain communion with himself, and I shall doe wel, he will not fail:--my son Eliezer subscribes a few lines in the same letter, saying-I am through mercy safely arrived at Wallingwels,—had a comfortable journey, blessed be god, and doe find favour here, I came home to a day of thanksgiving—I have great cause—oh for an heart— I would give up my self to gods service—this was dated oct 22 came to me oct 24-82-blessed be god for these double returns of prayer:

and ancient congregation of Coley for in this 20 yeares time they have had 9 or 10 several preachers, and frequent vacancys, this year 1682 Mr Hovey being gone, and Dr Hook refusing to suffer Mr Hool to come, great differences arose, so that they were several months without any supply at the chappel, I was much troubled for sabboths were prophaned, ordinances slighted, soules ruined, people grew barbarous, they would not come to hear me, nor could they have room, god helped me many times to spread their forlorn state before him, that he would restore me, or if he would not, yet mercifully provide an honest minister, at last (I hope I may truely say) in answer to prayer, god graciously sent in an honest Conformist (one Mr Ellison of Linfit by Slaugwait) who liveth soberly, preacheth zealously, agt sin, orthodoxly,

a moderate man, I hope gracious, people acquiesce in him, flock to hear him—blessed be god—

37 On Friday night Nov 3 1682 Mr Tho: Sharp sent his man to me signifying he was in a feaver and plurisys, dangerously ill, I was much afflicted with it, he being an eminent minister, a man of great learning, pregnant parts, an excellent preacher. I set myself to pray for him, god drew out my heart inlargedly, that night, in the morning god helpt the day following I rode to visit him, found him better, he had a good night, slept 5 hours (not having slept at al of 2 nights for violent pain) when I returned on munday night I had notice he was recovering, tuesday I saw a note writ by himself signifying what a wonder god had wrought, blessed be god:

38 on Tuesday Nov 7 1682 I went to see Willm Clays family, and understood that his only son John had been several days very sick, much pained, had been in a screek most part of the night before they had been up all night with him, were much discouraged, lookt on it as a dying child, askt me to go to prayer for it, I did, god helpt, it mended that day, had a good night, slept, suckt, was quiet, the next day I went again, they askt me to kneel down, thank god, I did, was helped, one thing I wondered at, I did the day before only pray for its life, not a word of its soul, in case it was likely for death, M C askt me to pray for its soul—but I did not, could not though I purposed it, but only for its recovery, which the day after they mentioned with a mark of observation—

39 Lords day morning Nov 12 1682 Mary (Joseph Priestleys wife of Westercroft) being in the pangs of travel for her first child, sent to me, desiring me to pray for her, I did, and god helpt me in the publick assembly to plead for her life and deliverance she was in great extremity, in great hazzard, yet my wife came home at noon, told me of gods great mercy in her safe deliverance of a daughter, a perfect, living child, blessed be god, and as far as I and my wife could compute she was delivered of her child in that instant

that I was praying for her which was a quarter of an hour before 11 a clock in the forenoon—deo gloria

- 40 Lords day morning Nov 5 1682 being at R Fosters near Horbury, and hauing in my turn designed to preach at Alverthorp that day, I was much helped in secret prayer in my parlour, before day, to plead with god for protection and successe that day, but Mr R N high-constable with 12 officers came to disturb us, yet god heard prayer, I in helping near an hour before he came, 2 in giuing us notice, and scattering, before they came, so they took us not togather 3 in preserving me out of their hands, tho they chiefly aimed to apprehend me, hunted me out in several places, searcht the house where I was, the chamber, with a candle, a bed only being the mean to secure me, 4 in giuing us the oppertunity in the evening, I preacht to a full company at J H blessed be god—god heard my poor groanings in my hole—Jer 33 3:
- 41 Nov 13 1682 God brought my son Eliezer home, which was the first time I saw him after his London-journey, he had received abundance of mercy in his travels every way, to soul, body-his ague clean gone, he is in very good liking—and he brings me the good tidings of his brothers welfare, comfortable settlemt their care hath been the matter of my dayly prayers to god many weeks, now I see a comfortable return: and upon Thursday 16 1652 I appointed our conference young men that had prayd with them and for them, to come to my house, and assist me in the work of thankfulnes, to which I had ingaged myself, 7 of them came we begun about half hour after one in the afternoon, I desired a blessing, told them of the occasion of the day, T Holt went to prayer, then N P then I Soynier, then Is Smith, in which my heart was much drawn out, then and before him my son Eliezer prayed and praised god so warmly, affectionatly, that I admired gods grace in him, and oh wt a frame was my heart in! then we went to meat about 5 a clock, my wife had made sufficient provision for us, we had enough and left, then we went to our work again, we sang praises betwixt every ones praying, Jer Learoyd went on, then W Nayler, and oh wt a duty was that! god wonderfully helpt him to a particular enumeration of gods kindnesses to my sons, and me: seldom is my heart in such a frame, and

no lesse was my heart affected when I concluded the work, it was a day of blessing God, and god blessed us: we held on till near nine a clock, blessed be god: oh what a day was it! the next day my son went away:

- 42 Dec 18 1682 early in the morning wn I was upon my knees in my study, wrestling and pleading for the church and for my two sons, having long expected a letter from my son John, even while I was speaking and praying (Dan 9 20) I M knockt at the gates and brought me a comfortable, refreshing letter from my son John, though it was dated Nov 25 was near a month in coming, yet it came seasonably according to Isai 65 24 brought me good news of his personal good condition as to the frame of his spirit imployment, usefulnes, satisfaction &c, complaints of a bad heart, some akings of head, Rheum in his eyes, yet liberty to preach the gospel, blessed, blessed be my good god for his mercy: outward afflictions are tolerable, but breakings out of corruptions I know not how to bear, but blessed be god for preventing these
- Dec 23 1682 being at Wallinwells in Nottinghamshire, where my son Eliezer liues and having spent the fast the day before with Mr Hancock a sudden unexpected motion being made for my accompanying Sir Ralph Knight Mr Taylor &c to London by coach, I recommended the matter to god by prayer, and god did still more and more satisfy my heart for it, wch I thought very strange, having not the least thought of it when I came from home, nor was it possible to consult my wife about it, yet the more I praved the more I was satisfyed to goe the attempt was unusuall. but I ventured and I was with that company going and coming, we set out Dec 25 82 and returned to Wallin-wels Feb 9 168 but was absent from mine own house 8 weeks and a day, in all which time I experienced many remarkeable and signal returns of prayer a brief catalogue I am forced to rehearse 1 god did in answer to prayer clear up my way, my son and I togather and myself alone went before the Lord and in effect pleaded as Moses Exod 33 16 and god quieted my heart, so that I had no hesitation about it, nor did first or last wish I had not undertaken it, or repent of it, 2 god in some measure satisfyed my wife after a season, tho it was

surprizing at first I sent my son with a letter, who gaue her an account of circumstances, and pacifyed her: 3 my company was very desirable and very obliging, loving to me and as tender of me as if I had been a child, and god made me of some use to them, praying with them morning and evening in our journeys: 4 God made the weather calm and temperate as ever was known in the memory of man at that time of the year, no frost snow, rain, winds or storms, all the time I was from home, so that the way was pad and dryed as in summer, it was admirable to all that knew or

saw it, only the day I came home it was a sharp frost, and thenceforth fell snow and it was very continued tempestuous—5 god did mercifully bring me to but 2 or 3 London, there was no sad accident or evil days occurrent in the way by Robbers, unruly persons,

or overturning the Coach, our way was plain and prosperous, god was our guide and guard: 6 god made me find very kind entertainment at two places, lodging sometimes at Mr Denhams, and sometimes where our gentlefolks appointed me, they were all very courteous to me and carefull of me: 7 I had many very loving friends, kinred and countrey-folks, and Christian friends that invited and entertained me with great respects, therin I look at my father that inclines the hearts of his children and servants to favour me, who deserve it not: 8 God found me out work in his wise providence, both praying and preaching-work, both publick and private with safety though it was a time of great hazzard, and many ministers were disturbed even while I was there and some carryed to prison: 9 God brought me into acquaintance with many worthy holy ministers, whom I had often heard of, now joyned with some publickly others privately in the worship of god to my confirmation, consolation, edification: 10 in my preaching a Lords day for Mr Nathaniel Vincent both on the fast with him Jan 5 and on the Lords day after he was apprehended imprisoned wch was Jan 14 1683 though it was an hazardous undertaking, yet no justices or officers came near us to interrupt us, blessed be my god: 11 that day preaching upon Dan 9 23 it pleased god to set home a conviction upon a young man in that meeting in such a manner as he never had any before, and tis hoped it is saving this was worth my journey to London let god have glory: 12 Dec 18 at night god visited me with a painful fit

of the cholick I slept little that night, but tossed, yet in the morning I got some hot-drink, tho I vomited it, yet it did me good, I walkt abroad, it was a great mercy, blessed be god, I was amongst strangers but god visited me: 13 I visited my son John who is comfortably placed at Mr Marshes at Garson, hath much respect, is in a good frame, had a wonderful deliverance, for preaching for Mr Grew in his meeting-place at St Albans, 3 justices, 3 constables, 4 soldiers came to the fore-gate not going in, went to backgates, that while people slipt out at fore-door, he was let down at a trap-door, so they all escaped: I left him safe in a good plight: 14 I had a full and fair discourse with Sir Ralph Knight and the company in the coach as we came down about matters of Religion, and opened to them the nature of regeneration practical godlines, at several times, what fruit it may have upon consciences I know not, but God helped me to discharge my conscience: 15 Sir Ralph Knight did ask me what he should doe if he should be called to prosecute dissenters, for sth he I will not meddle with these people, should I lay down my commission as justice of the peace? I told him, if he was born down and could doe no good, it were better doe so—so that some convictions were upon him: 16 at Wallin-wels I spent the sabboth in my return home, and god brought Esq: Knight his brother Isaac, and a great number of people, god helped me to open the word freely about a foundation on rock and sand, upon Mat 7 24—gaue us peace all the day: 17 God brought me on Munday night to Mr Wadsworths, where a meeting was appointed, Mr Richardson preacht, then I prayd, preacht on Mat 7 24 god made it a very sweet evening till 10 a clock blessed be god: 18 Tuesday Feb 13 when I was to come home it was a frost, and snow my horse slippery shod, yet I came safe, being born up by the hand of gods power, only to let me see my danger, upon Clifton common (within 3 miles of home, in a slack full of snow my horse got fast and struggled, threw himself down, my leg and thigh under his side, he lay on me, I could not get up, but with the other foot thrust him from me, he rose and I got up, felt no harm, blessed be god how suddenly might I have been lamed by breaking a leg and haue lyen there, and perished, it being out of the road, no passengers might have come that night, it being evening: 19 I found my little family in good health,

in a comfortable plight, and all my neighbours well, none dead or wanting, of my Christian friends no dangerous sicknesses, disasters, no out-breaking of corruptions that I hear of amongst my people: 20 God hath preserved the publick liberty of my congregation, tho others have been disturbed, and provided for every Lords day mercifully, 8 sabboths I was absent Mr Jo: Lister once, my son Eliezer twice, Mr Dawson twice, Mr Smith twice, Mr Holdsworth once, all this freely without any disturbance blessed be my good god:

upon Wednesday Feb 21 168\(^2\) we appointed a day of thanksgiving to pay our vows, about 24 persons came, I begun with a short prayer, declared the occasion of the day, Mr Ray begun with prayer, then Mr Dawson, singing still betwixt, my wife had provided us a competent dinner, after which I spake to 1 thes 5 18 so went to prayer god helpt in enumerating mercys, it was a good day, blessed be god my dear Lord also gaue us oppertunity to keep a solemne fast preparatory to the Lords supper on Friday March 2 and to celebrate that ordinance, Lords day March 4 1683—

- 44 I have often and many a time prayed for my two sons that God would make them able ministers of the Gospel by endowing them with the graces and gifts of his holy spirit, and Mr A of London told me they were likely to be famous men, and my good friends Mr D Mr H and Mr L discoursing of them, commended them as the hopefullest young men they knew, many admire my son Johns parts, Lord keep him humble and watchful under them, and at my return home, some haue commended my son Eliezer, saying that he is very like his uncle Nath—on New-years day, he was in my room at R Ramsdens many people came with bibles in expectation of a sermon he was not provided, yet adventured called for a bible, preacht a very awakening plain sermon without notes on Eph 2 1-had weighty quickening considerations, blessed be my good god this a pious friend told me this evening, which is March 6 1683 its more to me that they are good preachers, then if they were princes in their robes-
- 45 Not long after my return home, it pleased god to afflict my wife with a sore fit of sicknes, it was Lords day night March 4 1683 that she begun with a pain all over,

burnt extremely all that night, fel the next day into extreme vomiting and purging wch was judged dangerous, but god helpt us in a solemne day of fasting and prayer the day after she begun to hold her up to god, and several hours that week god inlarged my heart for her, and he was pleased to hear and giue a gracious answer, by recovering her, she continued weak for aboue a week, but now she is in a good plight, March 20 blessed blessed, be my good god: it was mercy that fit of distemper seized not on her when I was at London, that would have been an aggravation: god moderated his hand:

- 46 I had taken exceeding great content in my wife, and she had exceedingly grown in grace, holines, wrestling spirit in prayer, and much mutual satisfaction we had in each other, which satan envyed, for on munday morning April 2 83 hauing set my self on the work of pleading with god for zion, my wife called me off upon a slight occasion, I came down, expressed some passionate words to her, she was daunted, much affrighted that day, said little to me, I was troubled, opened my heart to god in prayer, god heard, quited her heart made her chearfull the day after, I am too apt to forget her tender spirit, she sth nothing, but inwardly grieues, but god hath often heard me in that case blessed be his name:
- 47 Having received a letter from my son John that Mr Marsh, the gentleman he is with was forced (through mens threats) to break up house at Garson, and remoue to London I was much discouraged, feared it would proue another dissettlement to him I set myself seriously to pray for him on Tuesday Apr 5 83 and on friday Apr 6 god sent me a comfortable letter from him,—Mr Marsh and he cannot easily part, he sth, having contracted so endeared a friend-ship—that he expresseth abundance of loue to him—though at that time under indisposition,—Lord heal that pious gentleman—
- 48 on Lords day April 15 1683 we had appointed the Lords supper, and it being the Sabboth day before the Sessions the Constable and Officers were to come, to see whether we kept a conventicle, but being friends they came

before we met, great danger there was of others, I was advised to goe to chappel, but could not with any convenience, many occasions of fear there was, god helped me graciously in the morning to commit my self to god by prayer, himself watcht over us that day graciously, we had full liberty, a very great assembly, yet 2 Bailiffs came by our gates, met droues of people coming out after sermon, before sacrament, wt will be the issue god knows, But blessed be god-Ebenezer-

49 On Tuesday April 10 1683 One Richard Jepson a Bailiff of Halifax came to my house, told my wife that he came to summon me to the sessions, we were solicitous about it, I was resolved not to goe, yet we feared the consequences of forbearance the Lord set my heart a seeking him seriously on that behalf, and engaged christian friends in it, J P and J B my friends went to this Jepson, gaue him good words, a small pittance of money from me, he promised he would not goe to the sessions, so not signify whether I was summonst or no likewise the Constable, Church-warden, and overseer were favourable to us, the sessions came, at Pontefract Apr 17 1683 I went not, the Bailiff appeared not nothing was said of it, the officers gaue in their bill, it was accepted, officers discharged, bene—the Justices were moderate, thus far god helpt, Ebenezer.

50 on thursday night May 3 1683 when I returned home out of Lancashire, I found a letter from my son John, dated from Garson Apr 16 1683 - wherin I found god graciously answering prayer upon several accounts, 1 on Mr Marshs behalf, for he having writ to us that he was seized on with a violent disease, god helped us to bear up his condition before the Lord in prayer, and god did hear, for he had the small pox, which to grown-up persons is oft fatal but god hath mercifully recovered him blessed be god, he is a pious hopeful gentleman, and may live to doe god much service: 2 for my son, he sth god hath given him a room in the hearts of his servants there, Mr Marsh seemes unwilling to part with him, he is frequently invited to preach morning lectures, and often goes to St. Albans, preacheth there, and sth I hope god hath done some good by a poor worm, for gods people are pleased to shew great respect to him, Blessed be god for his mercy hitherto:

- B came to my house early to bring me joyful tidings from M R that gracious servant of Christ, who had been under great darknes of spirit about her condition temptations from satan, withdrawings of god this two yeares, she prayd, we prayd for her, many times, purposely and solemnely, and now at last god hath answered, is come in with incouragemt, support and comforts, which hath continued aboue a week, issues itself in much peace and satisfaction, so that she sth she could be content to goe through all former bitternes, to so much joy—she sent to day to desire us to blesse god solemnly for her—
- When I was at London, and was imployed (amongst other works there) to keep a solemne fast with Mr Nathaneel Vincent in his publick meeting-place, on Jan 4 1683 wherin god helped me exceedingly with suitable expressions, and melting affections to plead with god on his behalf who was to appear on the wednesday, following at the sessions at Dirkin in Surry, but was cast, and sentenced to prison 3 months, at the end wherof he was sentenced either to abjure the realm or be hanged, so god did not think fit to hear prayer then, I took leave of him in prison, in the Marshalsey in Southwark Jan 29 82 he told me they had moved twice for a writ of error privatly but was denyed, I advised him to a publick motion in open court, which was granted and wn we parted, he sd Brother I must make a bargain with you, to remember me every day in particular and by name, and through mercy I hope I have ordinarily done it; I heard he was to come upon tryal this term, and Behold a remarkeable answer, for upon May 26 1683 when I was at prayer with my wife, in my study, one knockt at gates, disturbed us, but called to bring us the good news that Mr Vincent was cleared in open court the sollr saying theres more faults in the inditement then in the man, and so threw it out, blessed be god-
- 53 I promised to goe and preach amongst a people in private near Crosse-stone chappel in a town-ship called

Stansfield where god hath begun a hopefull work upon the hearts of several young persons, the time pitcht upon was Whitsun-tuesday, (so called) May 29 1683 for several reasons, chiefly because some from whom they feared disturbances would be at Rochedal that day, the day before I went I spent some time in prayer, god graciously helped my heart in pleading with him for soules, and though I did deprecate trouble, yet my heart was much carryed out for the conversion of sinners, so that I was carryed strangely aboue the feares of danger, however some threatenings there were, yet god brought that heroick speech to my thoughts and I expressed it before the Lord, that if god commanded me to goe, and had any work for me to doe in that place, I would goe, if there were as many devils to oppose me as there were tiles on the houses thereabouts, accordingly in the name and strength of my great master I set out from my own house about 5 a clock that morning met my friend A N at Luddenden, he had great feares of danger, god animated my heart, I rode about 12 miles, came thither before 10 a clock, begun my work at 11 a clock in the house of one John Halliwell, a young man, and his sister kept the house, it was very large and commodious, but exceedingly filled, the house parlour, two chambers, abundance out of doore, we begun with a psalm, I went to prayer, god exceedingly melted my heart, and many of the people, I preacht about effectuall vocation from 1 pet 5 10-went peacebly through the Doctrinal part, wn I was upon a Use of conviction, I heard a great bussle in the chamber over my head, which distracted me, I inquired the reason, they said the Constable was coming, I desired them to compose themselues and hearken to the word of god, they did so, and I went on, but I had not preacht much longer, but the Constable (who had stayd a good while in the entry) sent one to me to desire me to give over for he had two warrants, and must take me, so I made a little more hast having preacht near two houres, then dismist the people, after prayer and pronouncing the blessing, the Constable withdrew, while the people went away I went into the parlour—after a season he came again, had two men with him pretended to search the house, but said he was as loath to see me as I to see him, his name is Major Marshall, he serues the office for one John Fielding a Quaker, to whom

he went after, and showed his Warrants, the Quaker told him that was no conventicle or unlawful meeting but the Constable was doubtles put on by some one, it may be guessed by whom for thus it was, Mr Robinson preacher of Crossestone chappel, (who hath his meat with this M M. Constable, who also is his clark at Chappel) had given notice on the Sabboth before that he would preach that day, it being the kings day both birth and coronation, but (as they tell me) not one person, man or woman came to hear him, weh ceartainly vexed him, for they were generally come to this house for it was publickly known, but god moderated the constable, which was a great mercy, a return of prayer, he helped me in prayer, preaching, tho Satan had a spite agt my application and god suffered him to prevent the full handling of text yet my Lord heard prayer in another application, for people were wonderfully affected with the providence, many wept sore, who can tell what good it may doe? who knows but the devil may be overshot in his own bow? Gods call by that providence may be louder then the calls by ordinance: oh that it might be so.

54 on Saturday June 16 1683 I sent forth my son El with prayer, committed him, ourselves into his hands, he rode away, immediately after, my maid being to goe to town, taking horse, riding on the load-saddle, the garth being girded too near his flank, he fell to kicking, cast her off, almost toucht me with his heels, run away, we took him presently, he was quiet tho the saddle under his belly,—it was a wonderfull mercy he kicked not out my brains no hurt was done, blessed be god—

55 On Saturday June 23 1683, my wife and I spent some time in prayer, I was exceedingly carryed out for my son John hauing had no letter from him since May 8, yet had writ 4 to him, I was much troubled, poured out my soul to god, behold, a sudden answer, my maid comes from Halifax within an hour, and brings me a large and loving letter that gaue me good satisfaction concerning him, blessed be my good god: another came the week following june 29 signifying his health, tho in an unsettled state, not knowing but he must goe from Mr Marsh who yet is loving to him,

tables him at Mr Archers (because he keepes not house) my son going to him, preaching with him on Lords day

In my journey to York I met with many remarkeable returnes of prayer, I set out Munday june 25 1683, lodged the first night, at Mr Jos. Sykes in Leeds, 1 went to Tho: Atkinsons a white-smith who had made me a lock, he followed me to J M-told me what convictions he had many yeares agoe by a sermon I preacht at Shadwel-chappel upon Heb 4 7 limiting to a day, he sd he sate many a time under my ministry with a sad heart, but could never get an oppertunity to acquaint me with his troubles, it was the first time he heard me, but god laid hold on his heart, and he proues a godly man, blessed be god: 2 the same day I was desired to pray with Mr Elk: Hicksons only son, who was judged then to lye a dying of a violent feaver I did so, god helped me, and now I understand this day july 4 that he is in an hopeful way of recovery: 3 visiting Mr Tim: Jollie in York castle, (prisoner for preaching the gospel), some other company being there we discoursed of common things, when they were gone, he opened his heart to me, called me his father, told me what god did upon his spirit by a sermon I preacht near to Kendal, (wn he was with Mr Frankland,) upon 2 Tim 3 7 Ever learning &c saying god had done his soul good by it, and he had cause to thank god for it, desired me to goe to prayer with him, -god helped us sweetly-blessed be god: 4 a continual hand of providence followed me, attended on me in my journey, sometimes I met with god in meditation, always god secured me, in my preaching, conversing, praying at Lady Hewets Sr J Hewleys-securing me in my coming out of York, tho souldiers were set at the barrs god let us out at the postern without any examination, no watch being there, (which yet was every-where a setting because of a plot just then discovered, also I had good company back Mr Lister, his wife-and when I came to Alverthorp, I preacht openly in the publick meeting-place on Lords-day without disturbance, was much helped, had a numerous assembly, tho since some justices have examined 2 maids that were there, with fair means and foul but not getting from them wt they expected haue committed them to the house of correction-but I came safely home on the munday—blessed be god—

57 On Saturday July 7 1683 being at home all day, keeping close to my study, in the afternoon god helped my wife and me, both of us, in spending some time in prayer, as we are wont to doe, her heart was wonderfully carried out about the Lords day work because of many threatenings, and it being the Lords day before the sessions at Leeds, but I took not that time for secret prayer as I ought, being busy at my study, which god did correct me for, for that evening after 9 a clock, Mr James Oates (my neighbour) being highconstable) came to my house knockt at the gates, wanted to speak to me, I went, he told me, he was come to warn me against any meetings at my house, sd it would not be suffered, I must forbear, I told him I acted orderly, and hopt, I did no hurt, he sd, I come as a friend in a neighbourly way, and you must take it as a kindnes, I thankt him, he urged me to promise to forbear preaching the day following, but I did not, he went away in an hig and sd, well you will not promise, but you must take what falls, so we parted, I came to my study, but my heart was shut up, I could not pray, yet was much troubled, for I had appointed people to

this was on ly reading, it fell out that I read the 9th and Lords day morning many passages exceeding suitable, particularly gods demand Let my people goe that they may

serue me, which is just our case, and gods controversy at this day, but I was much affected with that Exod 10 10 look to it for evil is before you, methoughts it was like the threat to us, [take what falls] I then set myself to seek god about that days concern, and that poor mans soule and then god did wonderfully draw out my heart to him in a melting liuely manner, methoughts I had a token for good, and about 6 a clock severall persons came, and (after family duty) I began in my meeting-place, people thronging in apace and oh what a frame was my heart in in prayerespecially in the sense of my danger, mens anger, and fears of gods removing our liberty, god helped exceedingly, people were much affected, so I begun my sermon upon Heb 3 19, but I had not preacht aboue half an hour but behold an Alarum comes that the Constable was coming, my maid told my wife, and she came to acquaint me, I forthwith

dismist the assembly, and they withdrew themselues, some running into my barn, others into others houses attending the issue, but none came of two houres after, I sent to J B to know the truth of it, and it was so for Mr O understanding that we had a meeting that morning sent for the Constable who designed to come about 10 a clock (therfore we cast to have done before) but he hastened the Constable before his time, and immediately he sent his man to J B to giue them notice, who signifyed it to us, that they were coming, but the reason of the stop was that the Constable brought not the Churchwarden with him, they sent for him in the mean time Mr J B and I with many of my hearers went to the chappel, and about 10 a clock, Mr O, the Constable, Churchwarden, other two men came to my house, knockt at door, inquired for me, askt my maid if I was preaching, she answered no, I was gone to the chappel, he would scarce beleeve her, my wife came, who sd the same, then (sd he) we shall see him there, but he suspected we were at W C, was for turning thither, but did not, wch was a mercy, for there was many there, he came to chappel, saw me there, went home to dinner, I came home, dined, immediatly after preacht my sermon to a full assembly spent near 2 houres, presently after I had done comes Constable and churchwarden and other two, I was within, they shewed me their warrants to search for Conventicles and another to search for plotters D Monmouth, Ld Gray &c so went away I went to chappel heard Mr Ellison on mat 11 28 very profitable discourses, after that I repeated my sermon at home to my neighbours, thus god issued this difficult matter graciously, blessed be his name, only we were disappointed of the Lords supper wch should have been that day, Lord sanctify it to our people—

58 On Saturday July 14 1683 my wife and I having been wrestling with god for Sion, our children, and among other things for my son Johns settlement, wherin god did wonderfully draw out my heart, and help us both to leave the case with him, and did quiet our spirits in him, by that time we had finished there came a sweet letter from him, wherin he sth, Dearest father since by the decree of heaven our personal absence is continued, I cannot but be frequently sending to you (as by heavens way in prayer for a blessing upon you,

and your incessant labours, so) by these paper-messengers—here I am yet, though I almost long to be with you, unless providence find me out some work, as who knows what god may doe? he hath raised me up many friends that are very desirous of my settlement here, and using all their interest if it were the will of god, that I might continue near them, I cannot but with tendernes take notice how solicitous some, that I never knew before haue been for me aboue my deserts or expectations,—I desire to be at the dispose of a wise and gracious god, I preached last Lords day for Mr Grew, we were quiet, blessed be god, and stay this week at Garson to supply for him the next day, men threaten, and are highly incensed, what their rage may doe, how it may vent itself, our god knows—god help me to bear my witness, and to keep the word of his patience, at this day—&c

- 59 Upon Saturday July 21 1683 I went to Morley, hauing an invitation to preach there and though they incouraged me, yet I had apprehensions of danger, prayed to god before for direction and protection, god cleared my way, I was something more then ordinarily carryed out in prayer on that behalf I went lodged at J C who being not ceartain of my coming, had given no notice, they sent about we appointed to begin at 5 a clock in the morning, I rose before 4 we went to Churrel found many people come, preacht in a barn of J H had 500 hearers, comfortable assistance no disturbance, continued from 5 till about III in afternoon god helpt us in praying repeating next day in a solemne day of prayer at J D and at my house on Wednesday in a solemne work,—Ebenezer, Blessed be God:
- 60 On Tuesday July 31 1683 we designed a journey into Lanc—and were much puzzled about it, I had promised to preach at Cocky had necessary busines to doe, visits to make &c and there was great rumours of warrants about home, and I was rendred incapable of preaching in my own place for we were quite taken off, but on the other hand if I went abroad they gaue it out that I went to carry on the plot, on that I fled for fear of being apprehended as a plotter, besides it was told me that if I came to Ratchdal I should be taken up, for the justices and others were in a great rage agt me, what I should doe in this case I knew not, only I fled to my

old refuge, committed my self into gods hands and set forward upon the day fore-mentioned, yet avoided going through Market towns not being willing to provoke them, lodged at Ms H at Sowrby, at Mr H near Ratchdal came safe to Manchester, had notice thither that Cockey chappel was shut agt me, so went not, but did my work privately in several places and god protected, assisted, and a comfortable journey god made it to me: One observable I cannot but set down, which was a remarkeable return of prayer, upon Tuesday Aug 14 83 I was to preach at Cozen Th Woofhams (where my sister Esther liues) I did think there would be great resort thither, and had some apprehensions of danger -God helped me that morning at brother Okeys to pour out my soul to him, so we went into Darcy-leaver multitudes of people came, I begun was helped in prayer, preaching near an hour, then came T H son from Bolton, acquainted us of the design of some to break us up, I ceased, some went away, others hovered about, I went into an house, sent scouts to watch and give notice, then went to work again, preacht out my sermon, none came, yet we did hear it was a reality, but understanding that we were broken they came not, the contrivers were 3 or 4 preachers, and some others father forgiue them. Mr Smith, Lecturer, Mr Lomax, Mr Stones, Mr Loe &c but Mr Leaver vicar of Bolton dissented, was our friend, blessed be god-so we came away returned home on friday Aug 17 safety through the merciful hand of god upon us though we had terrible tidings of warrants in Bailiffs hands for body and goods, but I am safe to this day, viz Aug 24 1683:

61 upon Munday Sept 3 1683 I had adventured in my wines absence to doe that in lending some money, which when she came home she was much offended at, and though she was not troubled at the thing yet at some circumstances about it, wherin I confesse I acted inconsideratly, but she seemed in such a chaffe that she would not speak to me, I was sore troubled, could not tell what to doe then went into my closet, fell down on my knees, god helpt (notwithstanding distractions) and suddenly heard my prayer She was pleasant with me, and the matter was mercifully taken up

62 God had exceedingly frowned upon his people in the season of the weather, by an excessive and immoderate rain about harvest time, so that the fruits of the earth did not ripen, nor could the ripe be reaped nay in Craven on Aug 29 I saw abundance of hay out, and some to mow and some men took advantage to raise the price of corn, and indeed it was very threatening with us in Yorkshire, especially in Lancashire, we were often forgetfull of that concern, but at last god did bring it to our thoughts in the beginning of September, and god did affect my heart with that passage in Jer 5 24 he reserveth unto us the appointed

it conweeks of the harvest, and behold god suddenly tinued till turned his hand, hath given us several days of Octob 16 blessed harvest weather to this day viz Sept 15

83 blessed be god—

63 I had promised to goe to preach at R C in H on the evening of Sept 13 1683 but in the interim had heard discouraging news concerning a warrant issued out by Mr P Justice of Peace to apprehend me and bring me to some Justice to bind me over to the sessions, my wife was unwilling I should goe, I was doubtful not so much fearing present danger, as some after-consequences, lest it exasperate them who are already provoked, I was a good while in suspense, retired, committed my matter to god, begged direction, god satisfyed my heart, I went with W N, found many gathered together in great expectation, God graciously helped, gaue incouragement of doing good, secured our liberty, sent me home in safety that night about one a clock, blessed be god, and now let the consequence be as pleaseth god: hitherto I hear nothing but well, Sept 26:

64 On saturday morning Sept 22 83 I was wonderfully carryed out in prayer in my study for the church of god, for soules, my family, particularly my son John, not hearing any thing from him for several weeks, yet dayly making account of his return home, Mr Marsh hauing in kindness kept him till his year was expired, though not hauing a family he had not much occasion for him, and he writ some troubled lines, as though he must be forced to return home, there being no door open for him in the south, motions had been made for his going beyond-sea with merchants or to be

chaplain in a ship which I was utterly agt, for several reasons and other motions were made which were not satisfactory for settling in familys, so that he sent down a box of books, with a resolution to come shortly and winter with us, I was contented he should come, and was willing to keep him as long as I had anything for my self, but because my liberty of preaching is taken away I desired rather (if it would please the Lord) rather to provide him a place abroad, since I knew he is of an active spirit and would be imployed and I had given him up to my Lords work, thus did counterworking thoughts struggle in my bosome, and I knew not what to chuse, my naturall affection put me on to desire his coming that I might see him, reason moved me rather to desire his settlement there, I poured out my soul to the Lord many a time, but more especially that morning, and that very day I heard from him, for E T the carryer called of us sd my son would be with us the beginning of the following week, but was to return again, brought a box from him with some things, but not his books and trunk, which confirmed us in it we waited, and as he sd so it proved, for upon tuesday following Sept 25 both my sons came seasonably home, though it was an ill day, for on the day following we had a solemne day, and a special ordinance, but that which is the most remarkeable answer of prayer is the hopefulness of his further dispose which was as seasonable as it was strange, unexpected and yet abundantly to satisfaction, the case is this: Mr Grew of St Albans (who hides himself at Mr Marshes house at Garson) coming up to London with Mr Marsh, who urged him (agt his own inclinations to goe) on friday before my son was to set homewards viz Sept 7 going that day to visit one Lady Hatton in the city amongst other discourse she asked Mr Grew if he could help her to a chaplain he sd yes, and named my son John, she was pleased with the motion upon his character of him, desired to see him, he came to Mr Taylors where my son was told him, took him with him to her, she lovingly discoursed with him, askt him his willingnes to come into her family, he told her he was just now going to see his father in the countrey, he would communicate to me, if I was pleased he would come, she was well content with that, appointed him to see her on the Tuesday following, in the meantime she inquired of him and satisfyed herself from Mr S and some ministers that he

sd he was acquainted with, that on the Tuesday she expressed exceeding great respects to him told him his work must be praying in the family, preaching on Lords day, she offered him 30li a year salary, and all accommadations-earnestly desiring him to write suddenly the result of our thoughts in the case and we having a meeting of Christian friends at my house the day after his coming, we had the oppertunity to recommend the matter to god by prayer and afterwards I desired their advice, who unanimously concluded the motion was not to be rejected, so he shall write up to her and appoint her a time to return to her, she is a pious prudent Lady, about 50 years of age hath 2 sons merchants one only with her, a daughter marryed and a few servants is all the family. She told my son she was persuaded at least 30 schollars had sollicited for the place, but she had no mind to entertain, except she had incouragement to keep her minister, for she had no mind to turn any away Mr Grew had been chaplain to her she is of Mr Tho: Watsons church: thus far things haue proceeded, blessed be god, it looks at present like a return of prayer I referre the whole busines to my dear Lord: the week following I had a letter from Mr Streaton in Newgate prison, dated Sept 29 83 wherin he signifys he hopes its a good providence to bring him into such a place, the incouragements great—that she had desired him to write about it, -to hasten our resolution, his coming-that she is fixt in her resolution to receive him,—that she hath many suitors for the place—we writ to her, resolving upon it, and received a letter from Lady Hatton dated oct 4 83 one to me another to my son, the contents of mine were thus sr I received yours wherin I find your willingnes of hauing your son in my family I must conclude with you and believe there is more then an ordinary providence in it, because I am sure I have been offered aboue 20 and could never fix till now, all I have to desire of you is that you will adde your good council and prayers that god may make him a blessing to me and mine, which I am sure is the hearty desire and ever shal be the earnest prayer, of your loving friend

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accordingly I sent my son away towards London on Tuesday Octob 1683 god helped me in the morning both in closet and family with many teares and hard wrestlings to commend him to god, and god sent Mr Dawson just when he went to put him again into gods hands, and I am comforted thus far in our answer of prayer, I haue given him to god, let him doe with him as seemes good to him, only that he may be kept in gods way, and hitherto he hath been helped, many motions he hath had, none so satisfying as this, he had motions to be a chaplain to a ship, another to goe into New England, another to be chaplain to Mr Papilion, who offered him 150li a year, but then he must read prayers, and preach at ceartain times in a countrey church when he went into Kent but he refused blessed be god that helped him agt that temptation, and I was utterly against his going beyond sea,—Ebenezer, god hath hitherto helped and answered,—Et meliora spero:

- Wakefield, we were very jealous of the justices severity partly because they had been so before, but especially because they charge this plot on dissenters, (though I hope none haue a hand in it) god helpt us to commend matters to god at the sessions several days, the day before at W C in a fast god helped us, so on that day, and the day following we were at J H at a deed of thankfulnes in the close wherof my son J came from Wakefield, told us the strange tidings that the Justices took no presentmts but chid the Justices Constables for offering to bring any about dissenters sd they did not require it,—many wondred at it, knew not the meaning of it, but we will oune it as a return of prayer, and will trust god for future: Ebenezer:
- 66 On Nov 12 1683 I had a call to keep a fast at An: Naylors in Warley on the behalf of severall young men that liue beyond Heptonstall about Crosse-stone ch: where Mr Smith and I haue preached severall times, and haue found hopes of successe, I went several of them came, H N prayed, laid open the occasion, J Wood was much helped in pleading for them, we put two of those young men to pray a very sensible savoury spirit appeared in them good hopes of a sound work, blessed be god, I preacht on set humiliation, god helpt there were great affections stirred when I was at prayer amongst them, I oun this as a return of prayer, a token for good—

My weeping parting with my son made me something jealous what tidings I might hear of him and from him, especially in so doubtfull and dangerous a season, and this quickened my prayers: which god hath graciously answered, for on Nov 7 1683 a letter came to my house dated Nov 5 from my son El: giuing me an account of sufficient reasons why my son John stayed so long with him, viz one fast at Ms Cottons for her son Tho: going for France, other two the week following at Wallin-wels, he went with him to Leicester, they had a tender-hearted parting, he gives me a good account of matters, weh stayd my stomack, but on next Tuesday Nov 13 83 I had a letter from John, who expresseth gods goodness for his merciful journey to London, he preacht at St Albans as he went, on Lords day Nov 4, came to London on Tuesday Nov 6 (the latter day he appointed the lady) waited on her that night who was exceeding glad to see him, expresseth abundance of kindnes. more sth he, then I shall speak of, and doubt not but we shal see still more of the hand of god, and return of prayer in it :- blessed be god for his safety and satisfaction in this concern, surely god is a prayer-hearing god: Nov 30 I received another incouraging letter from him, wherin he sth she is a pious Lady, good family, he hath sweet accommadations, oppertunity for study, company of ancient ministers, he admires gods goodnes to him &c

68 Upon munday Nov 19 1683, I and my wife being at Halifax at the funeral of John Ingham of Cock: after dinner Mr Wood of Rippenden desired to speak to me, we went togather to Widow Wrays, he told me a man came the week before to Justice Horton to inform him of my preaching in Warley, but it pleased god that he would not hearken to his information, tho he would have taken his oath, but he told him unlesse he had another or two to testify it he would not meddle with him, Mr W putting him on to warn it, tho another present prompted him, whom I expected to be my friend,-Mr W advised me to forbear preaching, for several eyes were upon me, or to conform-he pretended great friendship upon account of old acquaintance, I thankt him, presented my service to Mr Horton who he said was my cordial friend, blessed be god, for this return of prayer, for I had heard that he had given out sharp and threatening words agt me, but god had helped me to pour out my soul for him importunatly and particularly, for his mother was my cordial friend and liberal benefactor, oh that god would further oun the souls of her two sons, that as they are courteous and ingenious, so they might be sincerely religious, I will still follow this suit—

- Upon Tuesday Dec 5 1683 I was to travel to Sowerby to preach there, and because the ways were exceeding slippery, and my horses shoots smooth with wearing, I judged I was in great danger, therfore seriously committed my self to god by prayer when I set out, gods servants helped me at J N as I went suddenly a danger met me as I set out, the Hough being all of an yee, but god preserved me, riding forward I passed dangerous places, had W N with me, whom I took on horseback behind me through Sowrby, passing to a place where my horse was loath to goe on an yce, went on the causey, the upper way, but it was so narrow and near the wall, that our knees and legs hitting the wall, justled the horse down into the lower way, yet fell not but light on his feet, which was a remarkeable deliverance, immediately after I light off, on an yee, but could not stand, fell on one side, crept off it on my hands and knees, and so escaped many known, a thousand unseen dangers, came thither safely did my work, returning home the day after near Sowrby-bridg being on an yee steep ascent, I said to W N should we light? he sd, sure and unsure are not both one, I dismounted, he led my horse, who scrambled, and trembled with fear, but could not get up, both his feet slipt from under him he fell all along on his side, had I been upon his back I had been spoiled—the same week I travelled to Mixenden, and returned home through dangerous ways safe and sound, blessed be god-
- 70 Being all night with Jonas Dean in Mixenden Dec 27 1683 I found him a sober, serious young man, hopeful for Religion, and he came along with me to Mr Wilkinsons and Mtris Furnesses, in the way we had much discourse, he opened his heart to me, told me his first conviction was under my ministry, upon the sermons preacht on Jer 11 9 of the hearts deceitfulnes and another time in Warley, blessed be god, he now entertains Mr Smith to preach in the

neighbourhood, whereby theres great hopes of much good, for many flock to hear him and some affections were stirred that night when I preacht to that company at J H—

71 On Saturday Jan 16 1683 being a little before the Sessions, and strict warrants being come to Constables to search for al conventicles, and bring them in at the Sessions, and hearing that the officers would come to inquire, and not knowing at what time, I was very sollicitous, and in the afternoon, set my self to seek god being alone in my house, (my wife and servant being gone to Halifax) god helpt me graciously, and that evening gaue me intelligence hat the officers would come at 8 a clock, I had appointed the meeting at my house at 7, was somewhat anxious about it, committed all to god, in the morning W N came up, sd we should be welcom at his house, we went, and had a sweet oppertunity till towards 10 as we had often before, the officers came, searcht my house, found nothing, blessed be god-and at the sessions at Wakefield, Jan 17 our constables going the Justices bade them goe home unlesse they had some conventicles to present, so they generally went away and had nothing said to them: blessed be god, who had helpt me to pray for this mercy the day before, and the day after which was Jan 18 (which we had spent in prayer) before we parted, we heard the foresaid tidings from the Sessions-

72 Upon wednesday Jan 2 168\(^3\) after I had preacht, according to my request and appointment, Mr Abraham Dawson preacht his first sermon amongst our conference young men upon Phi 2 20 the text I gaue him, he had much solid and suitable matter, he did very well, far beyond my expectation—upon Wednesday also Jan 2 168\(^3\) after my lecture, Mr Jonathan Wright (his companion, being both Mr Franklands schollars preached also upon 2 Cor 3 5 god helpt him exceedingly both in praying and preaching, it was his first sermon, a good omen, and first-fruits of a larger harvest, blessed be god for this sweet and satisfying return of prayer on both their accounts, how oft and affectionatly hath Mr Dawson recommended his son to the prayers of gods people, and god hath much helpt him and us therein—

for the latter, he had a precious praying mother, god hath answered her and us in her son:

73 Febr 14 168\(^3\) going down to Dam-head to visit my dear brother Mr Joseph Dawson whom I found wonderfully recovered of a dangerous disease, which had hanged on him several weeks, and was feared would proue mortal, he was sore stopt, spit blood and had some symptoms of a consumption my heart had been much affected with feares of the losse of so useful an instrument, god had drawn out my heart severall times for him, especially on Feb 4 at a solemne fast, and I was secretly persuaded from that time that he would recover, visiting him, on the forementioned day finding him so much recovered, he desired me to praise god for him, I did, and oh what endeared meltings of heart did god stirre up in me for hearing prayers:

March 4 1683 being Tuesday in the forenoon I was from home, and J B had come to my house to tell me that Henry Spencer of Westercroft being sick, desired me to visit him, in the afternoon of the same day I went to him, found him visited with an ague, swetting &c he spoke meekly and humbly to me, and seemed to be penitent, confessed his folly the beginning of his days &c desired me to pray with him, which I did, and god did more inlarge my heart in prayer with him then ordinarily upon such occasions and with such persons, he was very thankfull, took it exceeding well, though Mr Ellison, preacher at Coley had been with him the day before, now this very thing doe I take as a return of prayer, for this very man had been a rude fellow and a boisterous adversary to me for desiring his good, for the time was about 24 years agoe, being preacher at Coley, I set upon the work of personal instruction, and took houses in a row, and this H S being my next neighbour, I went to his house, would have discoursed with him about soul-concerns, but he was not then at home, but when he came home, and was acquainted with my design, he came up to my house, and in a furious manner askt me what I would with him, and he rated and miscalled me dreadfully, and several times after, meeting me occasionally, I perceived he was set on by N W and some of that spirit, I took all patiently and poured out my soul to god for him, and now at last see some tenderings,

let god have the glory, Lord work thoroughly, better now then not at all, though he be 63 years of age and upwards—

75 On Wednesday morning March 5 1683 when in my closet prayer, my heart was something more then usually carryed out for my son John, longing to hear from him, hauing received no letter from him of 7 weeks, which troubled me, and quickened my prayers, and behold a sudden answer, for before we went to family prayer J P came to my house and brought me a letter from London, that came by post the day before, though not from himself, yet from his good Lady, full of expressions of kindnes both to me and him, fully answering all my objections, for she thus writes,—I am glad to hear of your welfare and the satisfaction of your mind in the disposal of your son with me, I desire to eye special providence in it, and doe look upon it as a singular mercy both to my self and to him. Your great acknowledgments of my respects to your son I doe thank you for, but you may be assured that his prudent deportment, and good conversation, doth merit respect, both fro me and mine, that large share which he hath in the affections of my children is a great contentment to my mind, for indeed, I have no greater joy, then to find my children walking in the truth and following the example of wise and good men, in the midst of a perverse and wicked generation, I hope the longer he continues in my family, the more experience I shall find of the benefit of his prayers, and good advice—this, with many great expressions of kindnes to me, she writes—Blessed, for ever blessed be the name of my god for this mercy, and signall answer of prayer: let god haue the glory: I had also a letter from himself dated on March 14 83 wherin he sth he hath been about a busines for term of life viz the marriage of his ladys son in the countrey wherin he sth neither mother nor son will trust any but himself-another dated March 21 and a token for my wife &c he saith pray for this worm for an heart to improue mercys and to be humble under great injoyments, both private and more secret:

76 Upon Saturday April 5 1684 I was exceedingly concerned about the Lords day, how or where I should spend it my wife and I spent some time in prayer (as we are wont to

doe) that day, and god did more then usually inlarge our hearts in begging direction and protection, that evening god found me out work, I preacht at W C for we knew not whether the officers would come on Saturday night, Lords day we made account of them in the morning I went to W N, and they came not at noon to W C they came not but wn I was gone to chappel about 2 a clock they came found none, but my wife, servant at night some inquired, others sent to know whether I would preach at home, god did exceedingly draw out my heart in family about an hour in prayer, oh wt a season was it, I then resolved to forbear, wch I never did before, if I was at home, and wn we were making ready to goe to bed at 9 a clock, the constable Will Snawden and John Knowles came and knock at door, came in searcht some roomes, went away, they had a charge to come in the evenings from Justice H, for he sd he heard I preacht in the night and before day, and this being the sabboth before the sessions they came, and blessed be god hitherto haue found no conventicle-

The Saturday following April 12 my wife and I were helped in prayer about the same affair that night Mr O came to the croft-door, after we were gone to bed in a rage as he came from Halifax, made a hurry and rumbling, it was near 10 a clock in the night, but no body being up to open he went away again, morning after we had a sweet meeting at 5 a clock quickly, another at Norwood-green at

night god helped in both, blessed be his name-

77 April 10 1684 Mr Baxter and I spent a solemne day of fasting and prayer at Ms Richs at Bullows in Peniston parish, god did graciously assist in the work, her discouragements were more then ordinary, hauing (as she and others judged) a consumptine cough, and upon wednesday April 23 following Mr Wright and I spent time in prayer for Mtris Cotton at Mr Westbys at Ranfield on the same account, both being great with child, making reckonings about the same time, this latter was upon birth of first child, (as the former had buryed her last) being of a weak body, slender and of low stature, yet god brought them safely through, and spared both their liues, and gaue them louely liuely daughters, Mtris Rich on Friday night May 2 Mtris Cotton on May 3—and gaue us notice of their deliverance at Mr Gills of Oaks, while

we were in our journey, and as my wife and [I] returned home we called of Mtris Rich, gaue god solemne thanks of that mercy—and the mercy is the greater in both because it comes as a return of prayer, and because of the sad disappointment in others, this day of the writing of this, I hear that 2 women were buryed on one day at Bradford last week that dyed in Childbirth, and another the day following and this same day May 9 immediatly after my return home, my wife was called to a travel this morning of Ester (daughter of Ann Northend, wife to Mr Hulmes limner in Northourum) who had been ill in the night, raised neighbors about 8 a clock they sent for me, when I came thither she was in an ill case, I went to prayer, was distracted by her groans, so went away within a quarter of an hour after she fetcht some sobs, and departed it was judged the child was dead the day before and that she prejudiced herself by strong drink

78 On Thursday May 29 1684 I rode up to Foreside near Denham, preacht at H B and god helped me to pray for rain, it having been no rain of some months before, so that the ground was much parcht, corn stood and grew not, pastures were bare and scorcht, and behold a quick answer, for in my return home that night I was wet, and afterwards there fell several refreshing showers, which exceedingly brought on the fruits of the earth—blessed be god and again on Friday June 20 after great drought

79 May 21 1684 god helpt some 5 or 6 of us to spend some time at James Halsteads for his wife that was near her time and god did very graciously hear our prayers and gaue us an answer for on Munday June 2 1684 she was safely delivered of a louely son, and on Munday june 9 I baptized him John—and she is an hopefull way of recovery: the mercy is the more prizable because Abr. Ashworths wife (Sarah) was at that time travelling wn we kept the day, we prayd for her, but she dyed and took the child with her, a good woman, buryed at Halifax on June 1 1684, Lord sanctify it to him

80 On thursday July 17 1684 I being called to preach at Ab: Ormroyds house in Lanc: one desired me to pray for Will Fosters wife that had been travelling by fits almost 3

weeks, I did so, and then I called of her, prayd with her, god helpt me, with some faith and affection, and I departed, some much fearing her, yet since I hear that within half an hour after I was gone she was safely delivered blessed be god, I had some reason to be concerned for her, having been kindly entertained by her:

July 8 1684 I received a sad letter from Mr St concerning my son John, that he had gone with his Lady H to her sons house in Cambridgshire and there had she did been overcom with drink, and that she had turn'd him out of her family with such sad aggravations not turn him away, as exceedingly terrifyed me, and I could not ease my heart to god in prayer as I was wont, being but he horribly astonisht, and that aggravated my afflicvoluntarily tion so that I slept not one wink that night, but in the morning god melted my heart and gaue went away, and me some ease, and assisted me in the work he called me to, I writ letter upon letter, not was knowing where he was, and fearing further snares sensible it and temp[ta]tions, which added new vigour was not for him to dayly to my repeated prayers, and yet still heard nothing from him nor heard where he was, wch continue it being a still increased my trouble, I was exceeding restfamily of lesse and uneasy, and wayted for a letter, one post-day after another but heard nothing, at last great I set some time apart to seek god in that and temptsome other cases by myself alone, July 15 god ations much inlarged me, and gaue me much incourage-

mt on wednesday July 16 I got some chtian friends to help me in fasting and prayer J S, Mr D, W C, J P, my self, were much carryed out on that behalf, so that Mr Dawson sd to me as Ambrose to Monica concerning her son Austin, can a child of so many teares mis-carry? I was much eased, hauing laid my load on god, and addressed myself to my masters work abroad, travelling that week and the week following to the spaw, when I came home my Lord had provided some incouragemt viz two letters, one from my son John, another from J R, and much satisfaction in both, viz 1 that he found my son in the country in company with a N C minister in a sober family: 2 he cannot expresse the sorrow and grief he was in when my lines were read over: 3

that he knew nothing of the crime I charged him with and that he never heard or saw anything done by him in London or elsewhere that might discredit Religion, &c: but yet 4 he confesseth himself he hath sinned, and blesseth god that he still continues any sense of sin, and his dishonour by it, any tendernes of spirit and desire to mourn under his heavy burden of corruption, maintaining conflict with spiritual enemys-god knows, sth he, what hath passed between him and my soul, and the bitter agonys I have even at Mr Stuarts and the grounds and reasons of them too, -many other savoury expressions he hath, which give me grounds of hope there is something yet of grace working in his heart, that the he hath fallen into his old sin, yet that god will recover him, and once more set him on his feet—he sth also that he still sees every day more of the goodnes of god even by this providence, and it is no small comfort that god hath given me a room in the hearts of some of his people, who are willing to advise and assist wt they can, -God hath also at present found me out some work, being imployed by Mr Rolles of Pinnor, not far from Mr Marshes—a very faithful laborious, ancient minister, whose strength is decayed being in a languishing consumption, that he cannot preach— Eben-ezer—some mercy thus far—

- 82 God had sorely afflicted my cozen Nath Heywood with a feaver first and then with Melancholy, the gentleman (Mr Dickins in Staffordshire) with whom he was chaplain sent him home to his mother in the depth of that frosty winter Jan 1683 his mother was sorely afflicted with him, oh the heavisom letter she sent me! his fearful outcrys, unrulines, despair were affrighting, god helped me to cry hard to god for him, beg the help of Christian friends—and my Lord answered, and sent him, his mother, sister, over to me in 17 of July—they went to spaw he was not only in his right mind, but in a sensible frame as to his soul blessed be god, and they went homewards Aug 12 1684—blessed be god:
- 83 My affliction concerning my son John still continued, and greatly increased for the he was in that place at Pinner and preacht, yet I knew that was but for a season, and still I had very sad and astonishing thoughts and fears about him, upon divers letters from his Lady Mr S Mr P—cozen

th-but could not get another letter from him, tho I writ as pathetically and importunatly as I could devise 4 several times, thousands of imaginations workt restlesnes and disconsolatenes in me, at last I got some power agt them, settlement of spirit, from Aug 24—then came my son home on Saturday Aug 30 not then lookt for, brought an incouraging letter from Mr J Grew concerning him, I hope god hath given him an heart to repent—some sensiblenes— I went into Lanc-took him with me, he not only behaued himself soberly, but prayed so tenderly, experimentally and affectionatly that some wondered at his improvement, Mr B desired he might stay behind us and help them, he did, and preacht 3 times on Lords day Sept 21, came home on munday, my son El came on tuesday forenoon, in afternoon, my sons and I spent some time in prayer, but oh what lively meltings, teares, pleadings had my son John—the like I haue seldom known which spake it a remarkeable return of prayer—blessed be my good god—and when I put him upon prayer in the family he was wonderfully carried out for pardon, mortification, as though he could not give over, pleading, wrestling with god in good hard earnest, longing to be dissolved, and totally free from sin:

84 Upon Aug 17 1684 came severall Bailiffs (Richard Jepson, and Michael Friar, with their intelligencers, and assistants, about 6) to my house, about 6 a clock in the morning, and indeed were upon us ere we were aware, for they were tying their horses at W C gate, when the boy came running by to give us notice, and though we did scatter before they got into the room yet they saw people about the house in the lane, croft, they slipt in at the backdoor as people went out found me, made me promise to goe before Justice Horton the day after, who bound me to the sessions at Wakefield where I was to appear Oct 10 1684

Great thoughts of heart there was on this account, what would become of me and of my friends that were bound also to appear, and those sad thoughts stirred up strong crys and prayers both by us, and in many other places for us I did wonder to see how gods people were concerned for a poor wretch, and I must confesse my own heart was much drawn out on this behalf, not so much for deliverance as for managing the matter so as might be credit to the gospel,

and honor to god, god did inlarge my heart in secret and with others in pleading that promise Mat 10 18 19 20-god helpt me in prayer on Oct 8 and I left my friends pleading in a day of prayer at W C and blessed be god, he hath bowed his ear to hear in several respects, as 1 I have had considerable liberty in this interim at home and abroad, and no body Bailiffs or others have surprised or attempted to disturb us to make us forfeit our bonds: 2 god stirred up several friends to speak for me, and to write to the justice particularly Esq Harris (whom I know not) to represent me as loyal and a sufferer for his Mty, and its thought that had great influence upon them: 3 god sent Sr John Kay (a man of great mildnes, and moderation, and a sweying man) to be the chief spokesman, to moderate the bench and 4 god did so qualify his spirit and speech that he gaue me good words, and the rest of the Justices did carry themselves very respectfully towards me, and gaue me not an angry word, wch I lookt on as a great mercy, and had much prayd for, and it eminently appeared in their language and carriage: 5 when the Clark offered to produce an inditemt agt me 14 veares agoe, Mr Pebles quasht it and sd we will not look so far back, but forward, and told of an act of grace for faults so long agoe: 6 When friar begun to make relation of his coming to my house in open court, Sr Jo Kay silenced, and whisht him, taking no further notice of circumstances then, wt ever may be herafter: 7 they never mentioned my last book (which yet Mr Horton had produced, and objected) to rake things in it and put me to vindicate in open court: 8 they never took notice of the 5 mile-act, wch I am dayly, hourly transgressing, when at home, either to sue me for 40 li, or to tender me the oath, and imprison me upon refusal, 6 months, as they did with Mr Trigot and Mr Jolly, wch was a wonder and we most feared: 9 they permitted me fairly to enter my traverse, accepted my bondsmen that I had there ready in the court, and made no objections, or unhansom reflections, except that some about the bar, cryed out heres 3 black caps: 10 they dealt not rigidly with my friends, only they fined W N and A G 20 sh a piece, and when they pleaded poverty, they required their promise to come no more at such meetings, wch refusing they cast in prison that night, but set them at liberty in the morning, yea Sir Jo Kay was so concerned about these poor mens

release, that he ordered J L to frame a petition to the court, but it needed not, for it was done without, tho to their cost, 11 As for Will Clay (a blind man) for whom we were most concerned, because he had many troubled perplexed thoughts and was much discomposed, he came off best, for the he had entered his traverse and was gone out, yet they sent for him again into the court, to shew him a kindnes, fined him 10sh demanded no promise from him, thus he was dismist: 12 I am much satisfyed that those Bailiffs haue nothing for their pains, which might haue animated and quickened them to new attempts, but they return discouraged, yea upon the Jurys finding it a ryot, they are not to haue anything, at next sessions when we traverse: and god hauing been so gracious to me, and all of us thus far we haue great reason to trust him at that day: Ebenezer, Oct 15 1684:

- 85 My son continued at home with me for several weeks, prayed affectionatly preacht frequently, followed his studys closely, liued holily, gaue neither me nor others ground of suspicion of the sincerity of his repentance, only I saw it was discouraging to him to be still at home, and I prayed to god to find him out some imploymt, and I had a request from Mr Westby of Ranfield that he might come and teach his son I consented, and sent my son John thither on tuesday, Nov 18 1684—with many teares, having spent the evening before in prayer with 4 others:
- 86 I was much troubled that I had spent so much time and strength at my house in Northourum this 11 years and upwards and though strangers had come in fast thronging, and had got much good, yet I had heard of little or no good done in this neighbourhood about this little village, and upon saturday Nov 29 84 in prayer with my wife, my heart was much affected with it, and I prayd if it were gods good pleasure to satisfy my heart that some soul of my poor neighbourhood might be converted,—and behold, that very evening god sent in J D a young woman in the town to acquaint me with her troubles of spirit, who discoursed very sensibly and gaue great evidences of a saving work of grace, blessed, blessed be my good god for this hopeful budding:

- 87 Dec 23 84 I was desired to be at A A in W at a private fast, and went, we were but 4 that spent the time, but such an heart-melting season I have seldom been at, especially when J B was at prayer, who reckoned up the successe of my poor labours up and down, saying that few are admitted members in societys, but doe give in experiences of gods work in them by my meanes, adding that hundreds will stand before the throne converted by this vile worm,—prayed for me at a strange rate, that truly I was ashamed of myself, and blusht, being conscious of so much sin:
- 88 Upon Thursday Jan 8 8 came one Sarah Taylour a young woman to me from Sowrby to discourse with me about soul-affaires, and talkt very sensibly with many bitter complaints agt herself and many sore discouragements, which to me were incouragements, she told me the first awakening of her conscience was about 3 yeares agoe at my house upon a sermon on that text Phi 1 21 to me to liue is Cht, and in an use of conviction to such as liue without Cht, and against Christ, which hath ever since followed her with terrour, by reason of her sad stifling of convictions, O what a frame was she in, I prayed with her and for her, gaue god thanks and am persuaded theres a saving work wrought, oh blessed, blessed be my god.
- 89 The day following Jan 9 I called of our dear friend and sister in our dearest Lord, Mary Rhodes, a dying, tempted woman, she expressed some extacys of joy and admiration that ever she saw my face or heard my voyce, by which meanes she had received spirituall life in her soul and (Oh sd she) how many sweet sabboths hath my soul had with you! how many soul-humblings, heart-melting days and dutys in fast days and at other times! blessed be she dved god, and if I never see your face again in this before my world, I hope to meet you in heaven: these were return the last words I heard that gracious soul utter: from prison Blessed be god for her mercy by me:
- 90 Though my dear Lord did not think fit to answer the multiplyed, and very importunate petitions of his servants for my deliverance from trouble, or the prevention of imprisonment, yet god hath in many respects heard prayers

for this poor worm, in ordering matters mercifully about my trouble, blessed be his name: 1 the Justices gaue me no bad language, but still were courteous, yea Mr White told me he had the best character of me of any in my way: 2 god made the Bailiffs that took me away exceeding kind, and gaue liberty to my friends to come see me and were very obliging, the I saw after it was for their own ends: 3 all my friends were abundantly satisfyed of the justnes of my cause, yea adversarys were convinced I had hard measure from men: 4 I was comforted and clear in mine own conscience of the cause, and writ my grounds, for the 50li fine was not so ill as the bonds to the good behaviour, as they explained it: 5 both friends and foes pittyed my case, sympathized with me, and prayd for me, I never heard of such an out-cry and such sad hearts as there have been on my account: 6 my wife was as chearfull as could be expected, and freely expressed her willingnes I should goe to prison rather then enter into those bonds: 7 friends relieved me in my necessitys very nobly, so that though I was put to extraordinary charges that week I was prisoner in Wakefield viz from friday Jan 16 to Jan 24 yet I had as much money when I left it as when I came into it: 8 god moved the heart of J L the York jaylor to trust me with my son John to bring me to York, so that I and my son had many sweet oppertunitys of prayer togather, and freedom of converse with our friends at Leeds, York, which was a great comfort to me: 9 Mr Butler the jaylor consulted my convenience and turned out a Conformist minister out of his chamber, that I might have a chamber to myself, which is a great mercy, and I have all the out-ward conveniences that I can desire, as if I were in a friends house: 10 I have spirituall libertys, priviledges, secret oppertunitys of communion with my god, liberty of studying, and writing as if I had my own house, the sweet company of Mr Whitaker and his wife that are in the next room to me, many precious servants of god out of the city to visit me, to discourse, pray with and one Lords day viz Feb 1 168 we have spent togather from ten till 4, very sweetly I preacht in the forenoon, then we dined, Mr Whitaker in afternoon we had near 40 persons in Mr Wh --- chamber, yea the jaylors wife was with us in the forenoon, we were quiet all day, though some malignant adversarys of the sp: court were in the room under us: blessed be god:

- 91 God helped us affectionally to pray for Willm Naylor my hearer and companion in tribulation, who went into prison with me Jan 26 168 because he would not give evidence against me, and there he continued not knowing what course was fittest to be taken for his release, whether petitioning the judg or making friends to Sr Jo Kay, and Behold god set him at liberty by a way of his own, unsought unthought of by us, which was this, in the latter end of the Assize when the Calendar was a reading over in Court, as they came to W Naylors name, Mr J Butler sd, my Lord this is a poor man a Collier, that gets his living with working underground, if it please your Lp let him be blotted out, he yielded and ordered his name to be crosst, Mr J Butler told me, and W N went to Mr Hesletine Clark of Assize, paid 15sh 6d got his liberty, and payd Mr Marm Butler 15s more for his fees and so went out of the Castle March 18: and homewards the day after, blessed be god, it was a great mercy and sensible answer of prayer, 1 in that it was in a way unexpected and unlikely, done by a man he had no way obliged, 2 he was freed in open court by proclamation, 3 no bonds or ingagements laid on him at all but a free thing: 4 bec: his heart was much set on going home, learning that his wife was sick, I had interceded for him to Mr B to let him goe home, but was denyed, he was troubled, but god did it fully in his own way—
- 92 God hath continued me here prisoner in York castle several months, and hath vouchsafed me many signall mercys and priviledges, though he hath thought fit to deny my prayers in my liberty hitherto and the prayers of my friends in that case: Yet there was one thing that was a great affliction to us, wherein God hath graciously condescended, it is this-One Mr Lockwood of Sowrby near Thirsk a papist coming in for debt, in March was in the next chamber to us, his door just by ours was a great annoyance to us, being a Papist he brought in dissolute company, sometimes in the day, often in the night, they drunk healths swore horribly, blasphemed god, and usually when I had any company to pray with, he ordinarily came into his chamber very drunk at 11 or 12 or one or two o'clock, and then fell a roaring and singing, sometimes bawling and chiding with his man, waked us in the night, was grown to

such an unparaleld height of wickednes as I never saw man in my life, promoted abundance of prophanes in the castle, so that we were weary of our liues with his prodigious loosenes, god helpt me, and my wife to pray for his conversion or removall, or our release, and he heard us in the last, for he compounded with his creditors, having 330 li per An went out Aug 20 1685, and none else is in his chamber, so that we have a very peaceable comfortable living—blessed be god:

93 At the same time god laid his hand of affliction both upon my dear wife with me and upon my son Eliezer at Wallin-wells my wife was greatly afflicted with a sore cold, Nov 3 85, her teeth aked very violently, she had a sore caugh, was much out of order, but got a sweat and was better, my son begun with sad pain in his head and back, and sad burning made full account of a feaver, I had a letter from him Nov 1 set my self to pray for him, god helped me, and behold a quick return I writ to him on Saturday Nov 7 not knowing whether my letter would find him aliue or no, upon tuesday morning Nov 10 85 I received a letter as soon as I got up out of my bed, a gladsom message, indeed, sth he, my god hath done great things for me, I desire to admire and adore him as a god hearing prayers, he was pleased, in great measure to prevent fears and though I had the symptoms of a sad distemper, viz a malignant feaver, by wch many hereabouts have been snatcht away, yet was pleased of his goodnes to direct to meanes which was successefull to the stopping of it, in the beginning, and now, praise be given to his holy name, I am pretty well again, and was yesterday at the funerall of a lusty man one Mr Pinder at Hunsworth Woodhouse, who was seized on with the same distemper, Oh the distinguishing providences of god! I am not altogather without hopes that god may have some work to doe by me &c: Blessed be god, that same day Nov 10 I was helped to pay my grateful vows-

94 At last god hath graciously answered the incessant prayers of his church for my deliverance out of prison: on Tuesday Dec 1 85 my friend J K came to the High Sheriff Tankard (as soon as he heard he was again chosen Sheriff

of the county) at his own house, who kindly treated him, was willing to grant me liberty upon Bail, only sd he was not then sworn Sheriff, but would be that week, promised my friend to send a bond for him to seal on Saturday by post, and he was as good as his word, and he ordered it to be sealed before Mr Askil at Wakefield and Mr A to send my liberati to York, which was done, and J K inclosed it in a letter to Mr E whose man came to me and brought the letter to my chamber, unexpectedly, on Saturday in the Afternoon Dec 19 85 I sent him for Mr Askils letter (which contained my liberati) to Mr Ashes house in the city, where he had left it with his wife, he brought it me, I delivered it to Mr Ash our jaylour, who was then in the castle he scrupled it at first, but after accepted it, set me at liberty, I payd my fees to Mr James Butler, who came with me to the gates, told W Clough he must let me out, I went out that night, visited Lady Hewly, came in, went in the morning, spent the sabboth with her, lodged that night in the castle, munday, removed our goods, visited friends that week, got home to my oune house Decemb 30 1685: blessed be god

The particular mercys that concern my inlarge were many, which I have great reason to review and recapitulate: 1 It came after long expectations and frequent disappointments so that our hopes were dasht and fallen, even almost to despair and despondency: so that when God turned back my captivity I was like one that dreamed: 2 the instrumt J. K. whom god employed had sometimes failed me, and I had temptations to fear, he had forgotten me, yea himself in a letter to me, challenged himself of his too much forgetting me: 3 yet when the time came, he set himself resolutely about it, got Mr. Nevil of Cheets letter to his brother-in-law, the High Sheriff, and he writ affectionatly and effectually on my behalf: 4 J K travelled to the H Sh house found him at home, and alone, who made much of him, gave him his dinner, a bottle of claret, discoursed freely in his diningroom; condescended to his request which I wondered at being an high man, and rebuked Mr G for interceding at the Assizes for such a one as me: 5 the juncture of time was advantagious, for I hear that the H Sh upon the proroguing of this parlt from Nov till Feb 10 was much moved, and stormed saying, have I displeased my neighbours to please the court, and doe they serve me thus? and many high men are much moderated to see things got thus: 6 it was much wondred that Mr Ash (the under sheriff who hath now farmed the seal, and so is jaylor, hath given 1000 guineas for it) when he came to him, did not dissuade the H Sh being so much agt his profit which is the main thing those men look at: and that the H Sh did not consent to him: 7 it is the more admirable that the H Sh would doe it, for as it was an Act of his free choyce the law could not compel him to it, so it was not legal, to take Bail for a man under a fine upon Execution, as mine was, this M R a great and learned councellour assured me, but such mens oversights will very easily be overlookt: 8 its a strange thing he did not send for me, bind me to good behaviour, or require my promise not to keep conventicles &c--but I had no personal conference with him, nor am I under no obligation that I know of 9 the day after I was set at liberty, I received a letter from Mr L at London, and the improbability of their compounding my fine there, and a copy of the petition, they desired Justices names so that it may be presented to the K, and now we have leisure to consult and take the fittest course—10 and I am in a sort a prisoner still, and therefore, if an act of grace to release the Kings prisoners come forth, I may have the benefit of it, as well as if I were in prison, and this is much talked of at this juncture: yea if any tumults come I am (in some sort) under the Sheriffs protection, however liberty is sweet my own house comfortable, my people and neighbourhood desireable-let god haue all the glory—his church benefit and my soul the comfort: 11 By this means my dear Lord keeps us still in dependance upon god, and acting of faith and prayer, for if we had all our mercys at once, we should be in danger to take our leave of god, and say we are Lords we will come no more unto thee, a waiting posture is needful: we never have so much of god, but we need more while here below: 12 the Bond of J K sealed to Mr Askil, had nothing of good Behaviour in it, but only a Bond of an 100 li for payment of 30 li at the Assizes and then a defeisance, that if he brought me in, he 13 god proviwas clear of his Bond, this was great mercy, ded for my two sons all this time in Religious familys, and suitable imployment, John in Mr Westbys family at Ravenfield, Eliezer in Mr Taylors family at Wallinwels where he hath been near 7 yeares, so that much of my care of them

was taken off my hands, and they doe well: 14 my great care and sollicitude was for my people, that their souls might be provided for and god took care of them Mr D in the neighbourhood preacht to them, prayd with them, councelled, administred the seals to them, also Mr S- Mr W- whom they went to hear and I found them in a good posture in a hopeful plight for soul affaires, blessed be god-15 though I was desired to appear at York Assizes March 10-and did goe vet the Jaylor sd he could not legally receive me, and I came home again, blessed be my good god, nothing now is lookt after but my fine—16 And for that there is some hopes that at last it may be forgiven or moderated: for after all our prayers hopes, waitings god hath graciously heard prayer, to move the king to issue out an Act of grace, or Gaol-delivery for his prisoners, or a proclamation for a general pardon, signed March 10 came to York March 15 it pardons all treasons, misprisions, words, libels, Riots, Routs, Conventicles, præmunires 20 li month for not coming to church All crimes, persons, only these exempt viz felony, murder, rapes, piracys, Bugglery, forgery, perjury, and matters weh haue been tryed in Westminster court—and severall in the late Rebellion &c—

But though my case was excepted in the pardon, because it was a fine upon Execution, yet at last it is taken off J K and I met at York July 19 86 in the Assize-week, and though Mr L had advised us to petition the Judges yet we took other measures, and went to Mr Ash under-sheriff, tendred him 30 li according to J K promise, he took it and gave us in the Bond of 50 li that J K had entred, and so we are quit, as to the business, blessed be god, and all my intelligent friends doe look upon it as a good end, since Mr R a great lawyer told me the pardon did not comprehend, but exclude

my case

95 God hath graciously continued me at home, and abroad in considerable liberty both civil and spiritual, so that I am returned to my wonted work, blessed blessed be my god, and nobody finds fault, or threatens, yea such is the wonderful goodness of god, that upon wednesday March 24 168% (that very day 20 yeares wheron the banishing Act took place, on wch I went with a sad heart from home despairing of ever settling again about Coley) that very day the Lord

brought a considerable part of my society togather under my roof, where God helped me in praying, preaching, Mr Dawson in prayer, then we also celebrated that sweet and solemne ordinance of the Lords supper, and sung a psalm, and had somthing of the Lords presence and grace: Oh who would have thought of such a thing after a yeares intermission I discoursed of the non-such love of Christ in giving himself for us—from Joh 15 18—in this god hath out-bid our hopes; contradicted our feares, blessed, for ever blessed be his name, from this time it shall be said what hath god wrought! how Excellent is thy name, o Lord in all the earth! I take it as a pledg of more—

96 On wednesday morning April 14 1686 my wife and I set forward for Lancashire visited our friends, rode many miles, lodged in 9 or 10 places, I preacht 13 times, had great safety, much mutuall comfort in my relations, being the first time I have seen them since my imprisonment they were glad of me, God preserved us safely in our journey succeeded my occasions, and brought us safely home on Saturday May 1 gave me the benefit and comfort of sanctifying all these 3 last sabboths sweetly in private exercises of Religion, one of those days we injoyed the Lords supper and

god was with us, blessed be his name-

One passage I must not forget in this journey, that upon thursday morning I preacht at my Cozen J S upon Mat 18 3 of the nature of conversion, A Smith a woman of Bolton being there told me after, wt a gracious providence of god it was that she should hear me again on that text for by a sermon I had preacht on that text many years before god had wrought on her heart, blessed be my god, I never was acquainted with her before—let god have the glory: she is a savoury Chtian: Another observable that morning was that one Davis of Bolton a very bad man came towards the place where I was preaching, but was too late, people were gone met him as they went back, howbeit he threatens them to inform if they come not in to giue him money, as they in L L did a little before to the Bury informers—

97 On Saturday April 10 1686 upon a call Mr Dawson and I spent some time in praying at Timothy Kershaws of Wyke, god helpt us both in praying for their daughter that

was in deep melancholy—that was our errand—I preacht on psal 38 12, that very night god begun to answer prayer she begun (after we were gone) to enquire after me, how she might hear me, tho she would not speak a word to us at that time, and ever since she hath been much better, and now she is perfectly recovered and Mr Dawson and I (with many others) kept a day of thankfulnes at the same house for that answer of prayer, and other signall mercys to that family, especially the hopefulnes of the head of that house for religion, upon Munday June 14 1686—god helped us, to giue him glory, I preacht on psal 85 8—Blessed, blessed be god—

99* May 18 1686 we had a solemne day of fasting and prayer at John Ramsdens on the height, principally for his wife who was near her time, god shortly afterwards heard, and gave in remarkeable answers—for on June 22 86 we had a solemne day of thanksgiving for her remarkable deliverance, for in her straights she was night to death for an hour she was in a swoon, women thought she was dead, called in her husband, but she revived, is in a hopeful way of recovery—a perfect living child, baptized that day—we had a sweet day—blessed be god—

100 On Munday Aug 9 1686 Mr Whitaker my fellow prisoner in York castle came to my house and stayd with me that week which god helped us to improve to his glory and for his peoples good, Tuesday he preacht in Warly, to a great number, on wednesday both he and I preacht in my house, an excercise, that evening he went and preacht at T P. next morning at W N, after that we kept a day of prayer and praise at WN, MrD, MrW prayd and I prayed, preacht, it was a good day. Friday Aug 13 86 I appointed as a day of thankfulness, invited aboue 20 friends, god made it a sweet day, Mr D, Mr W, praised god in prayer, we sung psalms, I preacht on ps. 139 13 we had many grounds of thankfulness, and though [god] had taken away Mr Whitakers wife, while he was prisoner, yet he hath wonderfully recompensed that losse in his own spirit, in the savoury frame, humble, zealous desires, and large oppertunitys of doing good for which he doth exceedingly blesse the Lord,

^{*} A misnumbering only.—J.H.T.

and my soul is much comforted in his mercy—blessed blessed be god, that hath not only set us at liberty, but given us the liberty of ordinances without threatenings or disturbance:

- Mr Kighly went to Cambridg is now a Conformist Sept 16 98

 Wednesday Aug 18 86 I was at a solemne day of prayer at Jonathan Rigs near Sowrby, Mr Kighly School-master there went to prayer, prayed savourily zealously, thanked god for the good he had by a sermon I preached on Heb 10 25 and so much the more as you see the day approach blessed, blessed be god for any good done—
- 102 On Tuesday Sept 7 86 my wife and I went to take a journey to visit my two sons, the weather had been very wet and rainy, my wife was discouraged we prayd to god for direction and for a comfortable journey, set out that morning, it pleased the Lord to clear the weather the day before, and continue it most of the time we were abroad, so that we had not a showr for a whole fortnight but dust in the road, god gaue us a very comfortable journey, good entertainment, sufficient imployment, sweet incouragement concerning my sons, both of them being in comfortable places, and serious in Religion, usefull in their places, blessed be my good god: and though the last part of our journey was showry and dirty, yet we got well home about noon on Friday Sept 24—found all well blessed be god:
- 103 My soul hath been of late affectionatly carryed out to my dear Lord for my two sons, not having any notice from them since I parted with them in Lanc. oct 17 86 and I was sollicitous how things were with them, waiting for intelligence, having writ 2 letters, receiving no Answer, at last there came a letter by post from my son Eliezer giving me an account, 1 of his soul—that god is not altogether a stranger to him in secret, but there is some intercourse and converse betwixt his Majesty, sth he and my poor soul, there is sweetnes and satisfaction in it, to draw near to god in a corner, confessing sin, begging favour, pleading for the church &c 2 for his body he sth he hath been under some indisposition, a sore leg, that he had not been on horsback of

3 weeks, it was a little blain at first, in the calf of his leg, his stocking rubbing it it grew worse, had a vent dayly put in, he took physick to divert it, it was much better: 3 for his brother, he was with him then (his letter was dated Nov 25 86) he sth, yesterday god did help my brother in preaching and prayer all day, I hope he is serious, and that god hath done good to him and will doe good by him: blessed be god for his renewed mercy thus far:

104 On Dec 8 1686 I was to be at a private day of fasting and prayer at James Halsteds in Warly on the behalf of his wife who hath been grievously hurryed with temptations and sore perplexitys, we were very few, Mr Dawson should have come but failed us, but god did not fail us, for J H himself begun, god graciously helped him, and he set two young men to pray, that I had never heard before, one was Tim: Bancroft, the other Abr: Ashworth and oh what a presence of god was there with them both! they prayd pertinently, scripturally, experimentally, far beyond my hopes or expectation, particularly they owned me as the instrument of good to both their soules, and in many savoury expressions blessed god for the convictions they had received by my ministry, and prayed very seriously for me, thanking god for me upon many accounts, blessed for ever blessed be the name of my dear Lord, this is that I have been longing and pleading with god for, and more importunatly of late then formerly: this makes amends for my prison, fines, slightings by friends and foes-

105 I had earnestly prayed for my sons, and long expected their coming over to visit me, till I begun to despond and entertain many wild conjectures concerning them, but at last god sent them oppertunely and to my abundant satisfaction, on Jan 1 168? being Saturday night, god ordered me to be at home, (tho once it was designed otherwise) the day after in the morning I preacht, my son E preacht in forenoon, at night Jo: preacht god did greatly help them, on munday night, our young men came, we spent 4 hours together in the duty of thankfulnes, god helpt us, on Tuesday we had a private fast at J H, they were again excercised, god did graciously assist them: wednesday morning they went to their places, I was much refreshed and satisfyed with them:

106 Many prayers have been put up for the liberty of gods ministers to preach the gospel and a long restraint we haue been under aboue 24 yeares, and tho sometimes we haue injoyed a little more private liberty then at other times, yet our circumstances of late haue been very sad, and we made full account upon the death of the late K Ch 2 to be knockt in the head, and either slain or banisht, but god hath strangely bowed the heart of K James 2 to favour us, and proclaim liberty to all prisoners, and take off fines imposed for meetings, and declare liberty for Scotland and Ireland, yea now at last also for England a copy wherof come to my hands is as followeth: "The king was this day (wch is "March 18 $168^{\frac{3}{7}}$) in councel pleased to declare, that he "thought fit for divers weighty considerations that the Par-"liament should be prorogued from the 28 of April to the "22 of Nov: next, and his Maty did also acquaint the coun-"cel that he had resolved in the meantime to issue out a "declaration for a generall liberty of conscience to all per-"sons of wt persuasion soever, weh he was moved to by "hauing observed, that though an Uniformity in Religious "worship had been endeavoured to be established within "this kingdome in the successive reigns of four of his Majes-"tys Royal predecessours assisted by their respective Par-"liamts, yet it hath altogether proved ineffectual: that the "restraint upon the consciences of dissenters in order there-"unto had been very prejudiciall to this nation, as was sadly "experienced by the horrid rebellion in the time of his Matys "royall father: that the many laws made agt dissenters in "all the foregoing reigns, and especially in the time of the "late King had rather increased then lessened the number "of them, and that nothing can more conduce to the peace "and quiet of this Kingdom, and the increase of the number "as wel as of the trade of his subjects, (wherein the great-"nes of a prince doth more consist then in the extent of his "territorys) than an intire liberty of conscience: it having "always been his Majestys opinion, as most suitable to the "principles of Christianity, that no man should be persecu-"ted, for conscience-sake wch his Maty thinks is not to be "forced, and yt it can never be the true interest of a king "of England to endeavour to doe it:

"And his Maty was also pleased to direct his Attorney, "and Solicitor Generall, not to permit any processe to issue "in his Matys name, agt any dissenter whatsoever:

White-hall March 18 1687

This is the contents of this design, wch begets displeasure in the men of the Church of Eng: contentment to some dissenters, jeolousys in others, who suspect a design therin and however it may proue, it becomes us thankfully to accept this immunity, to improve oppertunitys of service, and give god the glory of all: and hope and pray that the churches god will produce good out of it, for propagating the gospel, and conversion of sinners: Amen:

According to this promise, there came forth a Declaration from King James 2d dated April the fourth, entitled His Majestys gracious declaration for liberty of conscience, (too long to be here recited) wherin he gives liberty to all his loving subjects to meet and serue god after their own way and manner, in private houses, or places hired or built for that use &c this came to my hands April 10 87—and I perceiue all ministers accordingly doe preach publickly in their wonted meeting-place Blessed be god-Ebenezer.

107 That very day (viz Apr 10 87) I preacht in my own house, many flockt thither amongst whom J P (youngest son to my dear friend J P) and it pleased god to touch his conscience from wt I spoke on Nah 1 15 of gospel tidings, and the day after his father came to me, told me of his sons trouble, with tears of joy, saying his son could not read his notes* for weeping, and confessed his former great negligence, went alone &c, blessed be god for these first-fruits of a hoped-for harvest Lord goe on, perfect that wch thou hast wrought for us:

That week I went from home to visit my sons, preacht at J A in my journey, came to them, preacht the next Lords day at Wallin-wels, the day after which was April 18 1687 my son John came to me and Mr T Westby and it being my sons birth-day, we designed to spend a part of it in prayer and praise, about 9 a clock we withdrew into a little malted chamber wch was the very room where my son Eliezer had a sore feaver, and in the close of that a tedious quartan ague under a sentence of death in the eye of reason, he begun with prayer and praise, John followed, I concluded, Oh what a melting heart-warming season was it

^{*} It was customary for dissenters' children to take notes of the sermons in the early part of the present century.—J.H.T.

for 3 hours! blessed be god I had great satisfaction in the grace of god in the hearts of my children Soli deo gloria:

109 I had devoted both my sons (wch was my all) to the Lord in the work of the Ministry and desired nothing else for them but a principle of saving grace for them, useful gifts to fit them for that high calling, a regular entrance into it, and a fit oppertunity for faithful managing of it, and successe therin: in most of these god hath answered me according to the desire of my heart, I hope god hath given them grace, competency of gifts, and John was regularly entred into the Ministry some years agoe, and June 1 87 My son Eliezer, having been examined in all parts of learning, disputing in latin &c (together with 3 more) was set apart to the Ministry with fasting and prayer, and impositions of hands, to the great satisfaction of all present, blessed, blessed be god, that hath counted me and mine faithfull putting us into the ministry its more to me then if they had been dubbed knights or created Barons of the Realm with estates proportionable, god is welcom to them to make what use he pleases of them, and though yet they are in gentlemens houses, as chaplains yet I humbly hope and wait and pray that the Lord will call them forth amongst his people, and blesse their labours for the good of soules: this additionall mercy of being called forth to be imployed, god hath in some measure granted, for my son John being with me at Ms Cottons July 13 87 told me he was called to preach in a meeting at Bautry, a Sabboth or two before, blessed be god, oh for Rehoboth! July 28 87 a letter came to give him a call to a people in Lanc

110 There was raised some contention amongst some of my hearers and special Friends upon this liberty the king hath granted for our meeting to worship god, for my friends at Halifax, Southourum, Skircot, Warly, Ovenden &c haue taken an house at Halifax bank top a very large, capacious place, that will hold many hundreds of people, that I should preach in it on Lords-days in the afternoon, and I began there July 3 1687 had abundance of people, but my people at Coley were much discontented that I left them in the afternoon, tho I had advised with them before and had consent of most of them for that day, but they are not willing I

should goe every day in the afternoon, murmurings arose, and I heard of some peevish words uttered by some of them, I was much troubled, could not sleep, aggravated things in my thoughts, and at last committed the matter to god in prayer, and my friends about Halifax were much troubled that my other friends of Coley did oppose it, wherupon we appointed to spend some time in prayer to god upon that account, we did so at the house at bank-top on July 19 87 god wonderfully melted and helped R H, W N, J W and me in prayer for composing spirits, the day after I met with my Coley friends, at J P and god moderated spirits, they consented I should use my liberty till their meeting-place in Shelf was ready

this liberty I have injoyed all along with great content and satisfaction all that year, till this day Feb 4 16 multitudes of people flocking thither, hearkening diligently—some con-

victions fastened blessed be my good god;

111 There was a private quarrel started betwixt J P & J S my two very dear friends, great animositys Jonathan betwixt them so that sharp words passed, distances and disaffection, the none had been more in-Priestly and timate companions for 30 years togather I called of J S on July 22 & persuaded him to seek peace, Joshua but he refused, said he had done him no wrong, Sonier gaue me hard words, was very passionate, I was now dead 1700 it much troubled, consulted with W C, who told him of my trouble, JS came to me on July 25, was in 1687 seemed sorry, askt me forgiueness, I freely forgaue any words agt me, but desired him to meet the ancient J P he seemed unwilling, yet upon my importunity he yeelded, if J P was willing that day I loue betwixt went to J P, but found him unwilling to meddle, at least before me, I was grieved at their stiffthem is nes, went abroad on Tuesday, but wednesday revived Feb 28 87 forenoon I spent alone in solemne prayer, bore J P prayd that on my heart amongst other things, and beat JS hold an answer for upon Friday we had our day of preparation for the supper, J P came, I put house at him upon prayer, and oh wt kindly meltings of a fast heart did I hear from him, so that my heart was with great greatly affected, the ancient spirit of christian tendernes loue workt in him and (I think) in all of us, for him,

so did how did he bewail selfishnes, pride, passion, pre-JS for judice and prayd for a spirit of meeknes, humili-J P— ty, love, bowels of compassion, it was a sweet duty, and I take it as a pledg of further mercy—god grant it—blessed be god—

Strange and remarkeable haue been the providences of god concerning us in this Assembly about a meeting-place wch I cannot but admire, 1 they thought of a little house at Westercroft, but J. P. went back, 2 then took a new house in Shelf of S W, that I lik't not, being distant from me and too little, and themselves were convinced it would doe nothing, so gave it up: 3 they moved for part of J P house at W, but that also had severall inconveniences, 4 at last they pitcht on A N in our town but I could not consent to that for several reasons tho they had generally subscribed their names for it,—when I saw time draw on, and nothing was done I set my soul to seek god by secret fasting and praver, having some burdens lying on my heart, was sore puzzled, at last took up a resolution that I would accept of W Clays kind offer to give us a place to build on in his field, and stone in his delf to build with, and I proposed to lay down money on timber and workmen, to build a new meetingplace, consulted with T Stocks, he sd 50li would doe it, upon this I rode to JP to advise with him, he incouraged me in it, sd no body would be agt me in that, I came home joyfull that I had hopes my labour of loue was accepted, ordered R Stocks the mason, my neighbour, to goe to the delph the morning after, which he did it was Jan 25 87 he and his 3 sons workt hard all that week, had good success, got abundance of good slate and pavings I went to visit them, but no body else, I sent for Ab: Scot the Carpenter, fest the woodwork with him, thus things went on successefully, but on Friday Jan 27 I had a rebuke for the they were at my house at a fast, yet no body would own and incourage me, my wife took on heavily at my undertaking, we spent some time togather in prayer the day after, god cheared her, and me, but on thursday al was clasht again, for R H and J H came to my house, told me I must not build in W Clays close by Butlers, for it would be annoyance to their yates, lane, fields in Chezzwels—a sad night both I and my wife had, I got up in the morning, poured out my heart to god in the bitternes

of my soul, was much afflicted for my dear wife, writ a letter to R H, that if it was an offence or annoyance to him I would not build, he answered me, it would But this be very prejudicial to neighbours concerned—I building went to W C acquainted him, we resolved to pay on the off the workmen for wt they had done and diswast could charge them, I went to the Delf, did so-gaue not be them some ale at parting, came home, resolving for they disagreed to meddle no more tho urged to build on the wast, I said I would not, J P came to me, askt if so I was I would be content they should build on the glad to common, I told them yes, he went to R H who build was willing to joyn with them in the building, where ${f I}$ clear the place, and it should goe under the first intended, at name of a school-house, I set on the workmen again—they proceed blessed, blessed be god, thus charges far-

I had been over sollicitous about my two sons, that had been set apart for the work of the ministry, and yet in the time of this liberty continue in gentlemens houses, tho they have had calls to more publick imployments, yet they could not see it their way to leave those familys where they had been kindly treated so long in difficult times, but my Lord set my soul upon earnest prayer that God would imploy them in the work of the ministry, since there is such great necessity, and other young men haue places, this I sought the Lord earnestly for, and god hath in part answered, from my son El I received a letter dated Apr 4 88 wherin he sth he is more then ordinarily busy, having preacht the Lords day before at Sheffield for Mr Jollie, and was to be the week following at Nottingham for Mr Roinolds, &c from John another came dated April 10 88 wherin he sth god helps me in some measure to be taking pains in the Lords vineyard I am ingaged in severall places, and Mr Hague being out of order, preacheth but one part of the day and in the afternoon I preach to a considerable company, that come to our house, may but souls come to Cht. we have enough &c and since that I hear they are imployed, tho not in a fixed station, and now June 30 a letter signifys that my son El. hath a call to two places, 1 in Leicestershire, 2 in Cumberland, the Lord direct in this affaire—

114 The providence of god put an oppertunity into my hand of training up an hopefull youth for god in the work of the ministry, viz Jonathan Sonyer, 3d son of Joshua Sonier of Northourum, being turned out at Hipperholm school for coming to hear me, we sent him to Halifax school, being fit I took him to Mr Frankland, but he being taken off work, I sent him to Mr Billingsby at Mansfield, when he ceased teaching, he taught School at Mr Dawsons, when god opened a door, I sent him again to Mr Frankland, where he was exceeding studious and very serious, profited exceedingly came home Jan 1687—had a call to one Mr Tho Ledgards family in Newcastle, is chaplain, teacheth his sons, doth well, blessed be god, Jun 28 1688 I my dear son Jonath have a large and grateful letter from him, dated June 26 88—wherin (after returning thanks for Sonier my care, cost, entertainmt, he sth-but vet I dved at must acknowledg myself under deeper ingagemts Newcastle and stronger ligamts to honour and loue you, Sept 11 1688 it was and to blesse the Lord that ever I heard your a sad blow voyce for if ever I experienced any operations of and the spirit of god upon my soul-it hath been under your ministry, tho the work itself hath rebuke been purely from free-grace,—yet I dare humbly attest it, god hath made you the instrumt-you have acted like a tender-hearted natural father,—but are becom my spiritual father—this will be good news—Indeed so it is,

thoughts of heart, and earnest prayers, and serious vows, what I would doe for god if ever I had my liberty, O what affectionate pantings and in this god hath answered my desires, I haue had far more oppertunitys of service to god then ever before, and more assistance Blessed be god for it: One thing more I vowed, tho but implicitly and conditionally that if god gaue me any estate in the world, I would lay it out for god and the good of his church, and in that my Lord hath answered me in both, god hath given me something to doe with, and an heart to lay out myself, I haue had it long upon my heart to erect a school-house, about Northourum for training up of youth, but had no place to set it on, while

and the his successe answer my ends in his education, yet this doth abundantly more reviue my heart—blessed be god.

I was thus plotting and contriving for publick good, behold an unexpected providence offered itself, to my abundant satisfaction, it was thus: my neighbourhood wanted a meeting-place upon this liberty graunted by the kings Declaration, 3 or 4 were proposed, none of them was judged convenient, my house was too narrow, my neighbours met, could doe nothing, W Clay proposed that he would give them ground to build on and stones to build with, I urged this with them, told them if they would undertake the work I would give them 10 li towards it, they trifled, hanged back, at last (hauing Masons then with me) upon Tuesday Jan 24 168% I went over to J Priestleys, told him my design desired his consent and councel, for I had a desire to build a meeting-place, and would not ask them a penny towards it, only desired their countenance and concurrence, he yeelded, sd no body could be agt me therin, that night I set Roger Stocks and his two sons upon getting stones, the morning after they got stones, but many obstructions and discouragemts I had, which sent me to the throne of grace, and did not daunt me, tho sometimes I grew heartles, my soul was much cast down, scarce any would own me in the work, several of my friends thought it a rash attempt but I fled the more to my god, all the burden lay upon my wife, she was much discontented by times, but animated again, we went on, they were long in getting and dressing stones, April 23 88 I laid the first foundation stone at the Southeast corner, they carryed on the walling apace, and they reared the building May 24 88 I laid the first paving which was the perfecting work Jun 7 88 so the work was finisht, glasse set in, plaistered &c so it was ready for me and people to make use of, and accordingly I did preach in it July 8 1688 upon psal 132 8 had a vast multitude of people, more then could croud into it, tho it be very capacious, being 3 large bays with Bolings, 2 bays lofted, yet our room seems too little, blessed be god that hath succeeded my poor endeavours, and brought matters to this issue, answered prayer, and again given us a token for good-

116 When I came home from York Aug 7 1688 I had a subpena came to my house out of Lanc: (By vertue of a common-forth of the honourable Court of Chancery for the County Pall. of Lancaster unto us and others directed for

the Examination of witness in a cause there depending between Margarit Heywood plaintiff and John Andrewes Ralph Friscoe, James Horrocks, Joan the wife of him, and John Heywood defendants these are to will and require you that you be and personally appear before us at the house of James Hardman at the sign of the Cock in Bolton in the moore—on Tuesday, 14 of Aug—there to be examined before us of such interrogatory as shall be administered unto you—fail not at your peril,—Gervas Stainrod

Thomas White-

Accordingly I bethought my self what I could say of the business, searcht my papers,—set out on Monday morning Aug 13 had a sad heart, and had earnestly pleaded with my dear Lord for pacification, the partys suing being my own fathers widow and my uncle Johns widow (new fathers widow and my uncle Johns widow (new fathers widow).

fathers widow, and my uncle Johns widow (now it was marryed again) and a poor lad (my uncles son) agreed, all in danger to be undone by it,—long it was before pacifyed I could get them together, at last did, proposed good an expedient, which was consented to—bonds friends drawn and entred by both partys in 100li apiece blessed be to stand to the Arbitration of 3 men Mr J Leaver, my god Mr Richardson, J Rushton Blessed be god—for this amicable end, wch prevents much shame, losse—

117 Upon Friday Nov 23 1688 in the afternoon I had appointed the young men to come to my house and spend some time in prayer with me, several came, began betwixt 2 and 3 and were imployed till near 8 a clock in the night, and Oh wt a soul melting season was it! I had not such a sweet oppertunity in society with others this many a day. 5 of them were exercised besides me, god wonderfully helpt JD who never joyned with us before, but of excellent gifts, very solid savoury, who expressed great tenderness for me, but J W, and W N, exceeded, declaring how great things god hath done by my ministry upon their spirits, and what convictions were at this time fastened upon other hearts: O how my heart was melted, humbled, endeared to my dear Lord: this, this bears me up in the midst of all my other discouragements: no joy like this: shortly after J S came to me, acquainted me with his condition was wonderfull savoury, desired admission to the Lds Supper which was

done Dec 30 1688—to the satisfaction of all, blessed be god, likewise S L came to me, living in my neighbourhood, daughter to my two ancient Christian friends laid in the dust, in great trouble of spirit opening her condition to me, with many complaints agt herself—blessed be god for such hopeful beginnings, she was very sensible, I gave her advice incouraged her—

118 There have been of late the strangest appearances of divine providence in publick affaires, as I think England ever saw in so short a time, for in the months Sept, Oct AD 1688 there was such a doleful prospect of affaires in the nation as astonisht all considering persons, K J 2d has tryed Ch of E-and dissenters, but could not bring either of them to consent to take off penal laws from Papists and Tests, that they might be legally admitted into places of Autority, upon which his popish councellours and Jesuits were put on trying new measures, and wt could not be done by fraud must be done by force, so souldiers were raised, maintained, often mustered, thousands of Scots and of Irish Papists brought into the kingdom drawn up towards London, the guns on the tower planted towards the city treatys with the Fr K to help with an army to subdue hereticks, all faces gathered blackness a dreadful consternation seized on the nation, popish officers of Army, Navy, Ld Lieutenants, Justices, Mayors either popish or indifferent, and subjected to the K pleasure, and though dissenters had liberty, yet we know it was not out of loue to us, but for another end, for we heard the K say he was forced to grant liberty for present to those that his soul abhored, in the midst of these fears the K issued out writs for chusing a Parliamt Oct 1 88 The day came, multitudes went to chuse Knights of the shire at York, but were prevented by the K calling in writs, with this Reason, that the P of O was coming agt him, no body could believe it but it proved true, we knew not wt it meant were the more startled, the prayers of gods people were awaked to great crys, seeing our selves in the mouth of danger, London had soldiers surrounding them, we had dayly astonishing tidings of dangers on all hands, my soul was exceedingly carryed out dayly to my dear Lord: Behold the Pr of Orange comes into Engl at Exmouth, Dartmouth in the west on Nov 5 1688, Ld Delawar raised companys at

Ashton &c Nov 16-60 Noblemen, gentlemen met at Nottingham Nov 20 many others declaring for the P of O and protestant Religion through the kingdom, Prince of Denmark, D of Grafton, Ld Churchill leaves the K at Salesbury goes to the P at Exeter the Protestant souldiers revolt to the P—Irish army, and princes had a skirmish at Redding, the K flys to London, to Rochester, leaves England went into France to the Q at Paris On Dec 30 88 the Pr comes to London is kindly welcomed by Nobility, City, Irish Army, and Scots disbanded, Papists taken, popish Priests, Ld Chanc. Jeffreys in the tower, the city and country in peace, A Parliamt chosen through the kingdom (at York Jan 14) to sit Jan 22 Oh see wt god hath done in Answer to prayer—this is Jan 15 1688 Soli deo gloria

119 I was in some trouble about my horse having had a great horse of my nephew Mr J C called Guy, and had rid him near 7 years, he was grown very unnimble (and indeed was always addicted to stumbling) but worse of late years, he had fallen 7 times with me in the year 1688, I was afraid of prejudice, and some of my neighbours bid me get shut of that horse or he would do me a mischief, I laboured to sel, or change but could not to any tollerable satisfaction, at last one Henry Burkhead a carrier in Lightliff came to my house Feb 6 168 offered to buy my horse for his wagon, but we made an Exchange betwixt my horse and his mare, which was a louely mare to look on, and ride on, he had given 11 li to Mr Langly for her, I gaue 5 li 5 sh to boot, she was a very likely beast, but proved moon-blind thus I was cheated, much perplexed, prayed to god about it, they told me she would goe stone blind: But May 7 89 meeting John Hey at Th Leaches—who had a good horse, yt he gave 10 li 5s the year before, but was ridden down, was poor, sore back, I told him my mares fault, he was willing to venture, to breed colts on her in Craven, so we exchanged, the horse recovered, I have rid many miles of him, he fits me exceeding well, blessed be god, is free sure footed, strong paceth, he sd I must give him 2 guineas to boot, which I am very willing to doe—and when I went into Craven Aug 7 1689 I gaue him 8 crownes, he was wel pleased gaue me one again, I have rid some hundreds of miles upon him safely through mercy blessed be my good god-

120 When I came home from York on Friday Aug 23 1689 I found a letter from my son John Dated Aug 13 89 from Ormeskirk, that came by London by post, signifying that his brother was seized with a violent griping and vomiting, that brought him very low, I was much concerned for him, prayd but could hear nothing of some days, then my Cozen Nat: Heywood came over, Aug 29 brought me word that my son El-had a feaver, but was in a hopeful way of recovery, that he would see me as soon as he was able, still my heart ak'd for my son but I had no other means to relieue my self but to goe the old way to my old friend, and god did ease my heart, and heard my prayer, for on thursday, Sept 5 came my son Eliezer—his brother John having accompanyed him to Ratchdal and then turned back to Sheriff-hall my sons had been aboue a month at their Aunts in Ormskirk, detained by my childs feaver, and yet he would but stay one night with me, for on Friday morning he would needs be gone to be settled to take some pills, to purge off the remainders of the disease—he went got well home to Wallin-wels on Saturday night, very seasonably as he writes to me last night viz Sept 17 only his 7 pills gaue him 3 times more stooles then his phisitian spoke of—

121 On Friday Dec 27 1689 my son John came to me, and said his brother had appointed to come with him, but failed, we were troubled, yet hoped the best, on Saturday forenoon my son John and I spent some time in my chamber, god graciously helped and melted both our hearts, and made it a good season, in the afternoon I rode by Henry Naylor's and John supplyed for me at home was helped to preach on Luk 19 41 I came home on munday found my son El who had been hindered by snow had stopt at Mr Cottons, preacht there on Lords day we had sweet converse together, Tuesday night Dec 31 my sons spent some time in my family in prayer, god wonderfully inlarged their hearts for a long time so there was no time for me, but in the morning my heart was greatly carryed out in prayer and praise in my family, and on thursday after dinner I committed them to god and they left me wch was Jan 2 168 20 blessed be god for this return of prayer and mercy in this sweet meeting Again my sons and I met at Ealand April 8 90, had mercy, my son John promised me to preach for me on the publick

fast at my chappel, which he did on April 16 1690 he was very much helped to pray and preach exceeding well on Eze 8 21 about 5 hours blessed be god—and god helped me about that time at Alverthorp.

122 On Tuesday morning Feb 18 16 3 I set my self solemnly to seek the Lord by earnest prayer in my chamber for the nation, and I was carryed out more then ordinarily for King William (having a little before heard something which grieved my heart,) and I was much born up with secret hopes that my dear Lord would make further use of him to doe something for god, though he be compassed about with hindrances, and particularly my soul longed that if it were his will, god would raise his spirit to put some stop to the horrible inundation of wickednes in the land: and Behold a quick return from heaven, J P called of me the same day as he came from Halifax told me he had read an excellent letter directed to the Bp of London &c against all debauchery, for admonishing and punishing swearing, drunkenness, blasphemy and sabbath-breaking, and ordering laws to be put in execution agt impiety, Blasphemy, requiring the Bps that they look to it that no ignorant or scandalous be admitted or continued in the ministry, but be severely dealt with, and that in such a time they give him an account of al they have done in this affair &c blessed be god that hath put such a thing into the kings heart, I take this as a pledg of more, it is just new, and comes to quiet for present my anxious thoughts:

123 On Tuesday March 18 16 \$\frac{80}{20}\$ came to my hands a letter from Jo Greenwood dated at Belfast in Ireland on March 3 signifying to me that his brother in law Henry Priestley was dead there 2 days before, telling me that in his sickness he desired I might be writ to to goe to Baitings, and first acquaint his sad widow with it, I hasted and rode thither the morning after, when I came thither she had been acquainted with it, through the loitering of my letter at Halifax but I stayd all night, discoursed, expounded, prayd, and god made me of some use, But the especiall mercy I took notice of as a return of prayer, was that his mother told me, that the first time he begun to mind Religion was upon his hearing a sermon I preacht about 2

years before at Henry Naylors on Mat 16 26, he could not forbear talking of it with his father all the way home, and then he began to change his manner of life, to pray alone and in his family, and I can witnes the griefs, tears, temptations he had since the many cases of conscience he asked the concernednes for the good of Relatiues the diligent attendance on ordinances, so that his zeal and forwardnes rung all the country over, some mocking sd he will soon be tired, others sd he would not liue long he made such hast, his conversion was remarkable because it was a mighty change, from great loosenes to great strictnes, Oh wt cannot god doe! blessed be god:

124 Since K W landed in England Nov 5 88 till now nothing to purpose hath been done agt the Enemy in Ireland, but that kingdom hath been in a most forlorn condition, at last he resolved to goe thither himself, good people were much afraid of it, but prayd, and put him into the hands of god, he set out on wednesday morning Jun 25 1690 at High-lake for Ireland, had some discouragemts yet landed safe, resolved to fall on upon K James Army, presently reduced some places, K James men secured themselues by the river Boyn K Williams men resolutely waded the river then fought, he led them, it was a sharp conflict 2000 laid down their arms, run away, K J fled with a few the fight to Dublin, bad them deliver Dublin to the prince was July 1 of Orange left it the morning after, K W pursued at the river the rest of the french, gave Irish quarter many

was July 1 of Orange left it the morning after, K W pursued at the river the rest of the french, gaue Irish quarter, many Boyne near places surrendred to him upon demand, though Drogheda K J had twice as many as K W, Ireland is said therelating to be much what cleared, in a fortnights time, I leave—K for July 6 we had intelligence of this fight and James is defeat, blessed be god, thus a return of an gone to Answer to importunate prayers, for I can truly say, gods people haue had this affair more then ordinarily upon their spirits, in fast-days, we had our monthly fast that very day he set out, so in bring and the multiply monthly fact the week before

and our monthly fast that very day he set out, and the publick monthly fast the week before, ing him god greatly helped, and for myself I cannot say back and that my heart was so ardently and constantly now carry-drawn out upon any publick account as it was in ing him that affair, particularly for him in my closet,

into and god remarkably secured him in apparent Holland danger, leading up his Army, cannon-bullets Jan 1 69\(\frac{a}{1}\) coming near him, slightly wounding him &c

125 On Munday July 21 1690 we had a solemn day of thanksgiuing at William Naylors, upon his familys account, god having graciously recovered his children from some diseases, and rescued his youngest child from drowning in a very remarkable manner, Mr Whitehurst prayed, Mr Nath: Priestley prayed, we sung psalmes, about 2 a clock I begun preacht on psal 60 4 my Lord helped, I gaue god thanks in prayer towards the latter end of the day God put it into my heart to pray for rain, the ground being very chapt and grasse exceedingly swithened, no came, I had forgot to mention in prayer on fast-day, and severall other times, and behold a sudden answer for I stept into Daniel Gills and before I came out, while we were in the place god sent a comfortable shower, it was considerable rainy that night, and next day, blessed be god:

It hath pleased Almighty god to remember the poor cattle by very seasonable and warm refreshing showers, to supple and moysten the earth abundantly at severall times since, and god hath sent frequently thunder, rain, so that this day which is Aug 1 1690 all the morning till afternoon there is fallen a plentifull rain which hath refreshed Gods inheritance when it was weary psal 68 9—and this I look on as a return of prayer, for Gods servants have earnestly begged it

as they in Jer 14-

According to Zech. 10 1.

126 On Wednesday Jan 28 169? when I had been in Warley preaching and came home I found Mr Tho Westby, his man and my two sons at my house, and they stayd till friday, on thursday afternoon we were helped some time in prayer together, it was a sweet season god helped all our hearts very mercifully, we have not been together of a long time, John having been at London with Mr Westby and some remarkeable circumstances of great mercy and answers of prayer: only the day they went from us was a terrible day of wind and snow yet on thursday feb 5 I had a letter from my son John dated at Wakefield on friday (that day they came thither) saying, through the good hand of our god upon us we got safe to Wakefield, but wofully foiled, tho I

hope we shall none of us be much worse had we known what weather and way it would have proved, you should scarce have put us out of doores—blessed be god for this Answer of prayer. In the same letter my son writes thus The K had a very difficult and dangerous passage for Holland, he set out on Saturday Jan 24 got not thither till Jan 28 1690, tuesday afternoon the fog arising, when they thought themselves near the shoar, the K with the Lords this is his Ormond Dayonshire Dorset Portland by went

selves near the shoar, the K with the Lords this is his Ormond, Devonshire, Dorset, Portland &c went into the long boat in order to land, but being wonderful mistaken, further off then they imagined, fog thickening, could not get sight of their ships, nor goe to land bec of the yee forced to lye still sea— all night, in open boat, the K wrapt up in sails blessed be agt cold—it was calm weather else they had been cast away—

127 My soul hath of late been intensively set upon the conversion of sinners, more then ordinarily, and have been greatly troubled because I could hear no more fruit of my labours; but upon Aug 5 91 being at a private fast at A N, where several of us were exercised, A H prayd very warmly and understandingly, and in his prayer he blessed god for my labours, by which God had wrought upon his heart some years agoe, tho I never knew before: and on Aug 10 91 J F also acknowledged in his prayer at a fast, good done to his soul by my poor ministry: likewise being at Leeds and lodging with Mr S F he told me of several in that society that had declared their experiences that they had the first work on their hearts by my ministry: Blessed, blessed be god

128 I had been aboue a week abroad at Leeds, York, Wakefield, came home on Sept 3 91 found all well at home and my wife loving: But discoursing a little further of my sons (with whom I had been the day before) I told her that they, Mr Westby, would come the week after, which did so discompose her spirit, because she designed a journy munday after to see her sister in Lanc:—and it would put her into a hurry, and hinder her from seeing her dying sister, I was hard put to it, because she laid the blame on me that I did not hinder them, I could not excuse my self, submitted cryed

peccavi, promised to write to prevent them, but all would not doe, to bed we went, but could not sleep one wink, but we tossed wearily, at last betwixt one and two a clock she would needs get up, I could not hinder her, I got up after her, found her reading in the Bible, I desired her to let us goe to prayer, would have put her on duty, she told me she could not, then we kneeled down by our bed-side, I prayd, god drew out my heart in such sighs, groans, teares, affections and suitable expressions, as I seldom had the like, proper to that case, she wept abundantly, towards 3 a clock, we went to bed again, fell asleep again, slept comfortably till morning: this is my old remedy and it never failes: in the morning she was not so sad and dumpish, but something chollerick I fell to work again in my chamber alone, yet still she would not be satisfyed unlesse I would write to prevent them, which I did, and this evening she speaks chearfully, blessed be my god; on munday evening Sept 14 we went our journey, stayd away a lords day John supplyed my place, was well satisfyed we had a comfortable journey, only because my wife was so intent upon going that week, I left the fast unsupplyed at my place, which was no small affliction to me, tho I kept it very comfortably with Mr Newcom at Manchester-

Upon Sept 25 91 my wife and I came home out of Lanc-and though I was sick at Mr Hallows and vomited my supper, sweat and burned in the night, yet on Friday we got home well, and on Saturday I went to Alverthorp preacht on Lords day tho I was not well, came home on munday tho in ill case, tuesday had much ado to keep waking, tho at prayer, wednesday we had our monthly fast, at Willm Clays, I felt my body much out of frame, yet was helpt in prayer, preacht on Jan 5 14 because god had visited their maid, I grew worse, on Lords day morning I got ready, designed to preach, but my wife saw I was not fit, sent a messenger for Mr Priestly he came freely, preacht for me all day, which was Oct 4 91 that day I had my first fit of ague, I had 6 besides they came every third day, were very terrible, every one still worse, the last fit stupifyed me, which was Oct 16: I was not sensible of any thing god greatly moderated the affliction so that I was not sensible of much pain or sickness, tho it seized much upon my spirits,

and greatly weakened my body, I was brought so low that many despaired of my life and it was reported in several places that I was dead, but God shewed wonders on the dead, and Answered the many and importunate prayers of abundance of his people for me, and many prayd with me, yea some private fasts were kept on my behalf, and at last gradually brought me to my feet, I preacht two Fridays in my own house, and at last ventured in publick, preacht in my chappel, Nov 29 91, having been 10 days from my chappel, and upon the account of my disease at last we resolved on a solemn day of thankfulnes kept one on Dec 10 had aboue 40 of our Christian friends and neighbours, my son John prayd first then Mr Wright, we went to dinner my wife feasted them nobly, then I preacht on Psal 33 1 and prayd, and then upon munday Dec 14 we had another day of thankfulness, wherein we had near 20 young men and women, John Learoyd, William Naylor, James Oates prayd, praised god, were much inlarged then we dined, and after that Mr Jer Bairstow and I prayd, god made it a very good day: we enumerated many mercys that concerned me, amongst the rest I will adde these to all the rest 1 that Mr Westby came oppertunely with my son to our first day of gratitude, which was better then if he had come before: 2 whereas my son Eliezer was called to goe with Mtris Taylor to visit her husband at London fallen ill of the small pox, for whom we prayd, on Tuesday Dec 15 I received a letter from him at London that he is in a hopefull way of Recovery, blessed be god-

130 Immediately after my Recovery out of my sickness, there came a letter to my hands subscribed only by R F but I perceive consented to by others of Alverthorpe congregation, charging me with ruining the meetings both at Pontefract and Alverthorp, because of some words I had spoken to Mr Gill, coming to visit me, they gaue me a company of hard words and grievous censures I was greatly perplext, it broke my sleep, not that I was guilty, nor was there any ground, but their prejudice, I betook myself to my old Remedy went to god by prayer, pittyed, prayed for them, that god would let them see their mistakes, humble their hearts and be reconciled to them, reconcile them to me, I writ one letter in full Answer to all their charges, that not

coming to them, they sent again, I writ another shorter at last 6 of them came purposely to me on Dec 14 91 to cry peccavi, confessed their fault and mistakes, were sorry I was offended, desired me to forgive and pardon them, professed their honourable esteem of me, earnestly desiring me to come and preach with them again: the mistake was first in the young man whom they had invited to come thither judging, or misjudging that I had such an interest in the place, that Mr S Mr G could not come without my leaue, where as I gaue no occasion of such suspicion:

131 A great difference about a small occasion breaking out betwixt Jonathan Priestly sen and my self, concerning a field, which J P promised to buy for me upon my lending him 40 li, and he put it in his own writings and I chanced to mention it to 3 persons J B, J S and Mr D, we agreed the business at W Clays, but he was not content with that, but would have me say it was the lower field not the upper that we contracted about, I durst not say so, knowing the contrary, many angry letters I had from him, was sore afflicted, it often broke my sleep, I recommended it to god in prayer, was importunate for his precious soul, which I was afraid was under some temptation, I am sure much moved with passion, and I was afraid with pre-

I acjudice, it cost me many a tear for aboue a year
knowleged together, I could never get him to a meeting
it before with Chtian friends at last it pleased god to move
the other his heart of himself to send his son Jonathan to
company me for a meeting, we appointed it at old Jer
a Sabboth Baxters Jan 8 9½ Mr Jo: Brooksbank Ant: Lea,
or two W Clay, J Baxter, he and I talkt of the matter,
after he was high at first, I gave him gentle words,
was willing to bate me that he had long stuck

on, about the field, I submitted myself, we forgaue one another, I burnt letters, became friends, before them all, this was a manifest Answer of prayer—

132 Another difference hath risen up betwixt James Brooksbank and Antony Lea, the case was this J Brooksbank upon his son Josephs marriage settled an estate in land on him and his worth 15 li a year, her mother was to giue her a portion of 200 li: after Joseph and his wives, childrens

death to goe to Lewis Brooksbank a brothers son, they give the writing, one part into the hands of Jonathan Oldfield of Halifax, brother to Sarah Naylor who had paid 100 li of her daughters portion, within a year both J Brooksbank and his wife dye childles, J Oldfield delivers his part to J Brooksbank, A L refused, J B would not release S N of the other 100 li without the other writing, A L durst not deliver it, for fear of L Brooksbank suing him, there being no clause of revocation, I persuaded L B to submit to his uncle, he would not, but sues him, J B answers him in chancery, both were at great cost, JB gaue out hard words agt A L for keeping the deed, I laboured to pacify them, but all in vain, they could not speak peacebly to, or charitably one of another J B had a Size agt Lewis, L another agt his uncle, they subpænad Mr Ellison, J P sen: and others for witnesses, went to York Assizes March 8 1691 by their discourse to me I perceived they would in many things contradict one another in open court, which would turn to great Scandal, being professors and my hearers, when they were gone I set my self solemnly to seek god about it god answered, both sides let the business fall sealed bonds at York of 300 li a piece to refer the business to two arbitrators, and an umpire to stand to their determination, blessed, blessed be god for mercy thus far-

133 Mr T Westby and my son John rode to York on March 5 1691 to wait upon the High Sheriff Mr John Gell of Carhouse near Rotheram, at the Assizes, and on tuesday night my son John was seized upon with a very violent Cholick or griping of the guts and was held in such extremity for a day and a night that they despaired of life if some present ease was not given him, they sent for my good friend Dr Nickolson, who ordered him a Clister, but it stir'd him not, he ordered him a second, which by gods blessing was very effectuall, gaue him some ease, A Lea came to me on Saturday morning March 12, had been with him the day before, told me how he was very much weakened, black in the face, yellow in his eyes, could eat nothing, I was much troubled, set my self to pray for him, at first I was astonisht, could not pray, but afterwards my heart was tendred, poured out my soul to god in secret, family, publick, munday J B told me how weak he was, god excercised my faith, patience, wednesday night I had a letter from Mr Hodgson in York, signifying that Mr Westby and my son went from York on saturday March 12—(the day after that viz March 13 Mr Ward dyed) on thursday night, when I was at prayer in my chamber J K came to my house brought me a letter from my son, March 17—dated from Mr Cottons of Haigh, wherin he sth—on Saturday I ventured upon journeying—weh tho painful and tedious, yet I found no inconvenience by it, but rather an unexpected advantage, for yesterday morning I was pretty hearty, and this day (viz March 14 we design for Ranfield: blessed be god for this Answer of prayer:

134 My eager and earnest desire for this many yeares hath been carryed out for conversion of sinners to god, and it hath been some discouragement that of late, I have not heard of such workings as formerly, but of late god hath revived my languishing hopes, which this day, April 20 1692 I must solemnly record, 1 John Rhodes of Howarth told me on Easter munday, that John Hey told him of a man liuing near Coln, wrought upon by a sermon I preacht at Hulmes Chappel 2 or 3 yeares agoe, and is very serious: 2 John Butterworth told me of a young man at Liverpool greatly convinced by a sermon I preacht at Ormskirk 3 years agoe, sth he never goes to his knees, but he prays particularly for me, is grown eminent, and hath been an instrument of good to some Relations 3 Lidia Wood came to me, the other day in great troubles of spirit, it was begun by some sermons preacht in my house upon my recovery upon Isai 38 14 it seemes very hopefull, 4 Mary Hanson (Jo Hansons wife) came to me in great agonys of spirit about her condition Apr 15—her husband told me some circumstances that give me great grounds of hope: 5 Will Ramsdens daughter (servant to John Hanson) whom her father made a bargain for that she should not hear me but coming once god laid hold on her heart, and she is of great use: 6 Another young woman in that neighbourhood (whose name I have forgot) hath been with me, wept much: 7 A Servant of Esq Rooks at Rhodes-hall, had been a wicked lad, but coming constantly to hear me is much changed, spends much time in reading praying talking with fellow-servants, very hopefull-Again 8 I had a letter from one William Laycock of Halifax in great trouble dated Octob 27 92

9 Elizabeth Wardman near Rivy Beacon came to me very sensible Oct 27 92: 10 John Ramsdens wife discoursed with me in bitternes of soul, of Southowrum Nov 1 92 11 a young woman came to discourse with me, but I was not at home No 2 92 struck with conviction by my preaching on Gen 35 3—

135 We had appointed a solemn private fast monthly at our houses round amongst my society, 12 houses, for 10 or 12 years, in reference chiefly to the state of the nation, and through the assistance of gods spirit, they were sweet days, and the issue was very considerable, in K James time, there was great importunity because our danger of popery was apparent, God answered remarkeably in driving out K J and bringing in K Willm beyond our expectation or imagination: so in succeeding his armes in Scotland, and Ireland, A D 1690 and 91, and tho the publick monthly fast be now observed, yet in the middle of that time we appointed this private, at Willm Clays May 25 1692 before which day god gaue us in a remarkable mercy, viz a discovery of an hellish plot to seize on the guards, kill the queen, bring in K J privatly but strangely discovered, prevented, 20 Lords 460 gentlemen found guilty &c and on May 24 (wch was the day before our fast) ceartain intelligence came of a dreadful fight at sea, wherin the French were beaten to purpose by our English fleet: we kept the day after, partly as a fast, partly as a thanksgiving, god greatly helped all that prayd, W C, SH, WN, I preacht on Isai 65 24: god gave us great inlargemt, and incouragement—Blessed be god for this Answer:

July 3 92 and the day before Cornelius Clark came for me, we commended ourselves into gods hands came safely to Wakefield, where I preacht that day, and at Alverthorp on Lords day, at Mrs Naylors on munday, at Wakefield on Tuesday July 5 I knew not of any company home, set out at 4 a clock at back of the town, came to West-gate moor, struck towards the road, but passing over a ditch which proved deeper then I was aware of, my horse sunk almost to the breast, flung me off before him, there I lay, my horse got out, I stuck to the bridle, my feet were out of the

stirrups, with much adoe I rose, I found I had bit my tongue sore with my fall forward upon my head, my mouth was full of blood, which I spit out, I got on my horse, found no great ailing, rid home that night, tho scarce expected, wn I came home my wife spyed a bruise upon my nose which I was not aware of, but slight, I found myself no worse, this was a gracious Act of providence, wch I take as an Answer of my poor prayers that morning, 1 I was alone 2 it was a solitary place, not in the road had I been hurt it might haue been long ere I had been found, 3 I am very unwieldy, and helpless: 4 John Wainhouse of Pye-nest was coming with his man from Leeds, was killed by Morley with cart horses a fortnight before why might not I have been brought forth to my own house dead (as he was) at least lamed? Immediately before that my wife and I took a journey into Lancashire, went all our ways, returned home in peace and safety, blessed be god, our loving, prayer-hearing god, O my soul give god all the glory-

137 I heard that god had set the faces of some young men of my hearers and neighbours heavenwards, and that they met together frequently in the night to pray, I was greatly rejoiced in that good news-and sent on Lords day Nov 13 to speak to one of them, J W, desired him to ask his companions to come to my house on wednesday following and spend some time in prayer with me, we begun after 2 spent time till after 7 Nov 16 92: god greatly helped them all, in confessing sin, pleading for converting grace, pardon, expressing their deep concernednes lest they should be mistaken about sincerity of grace, earnestly pleading for the church, for me, my family &c it was time comfortably spent, Oh wt a presence of god was there with those hopefull youths with whom I never joyned before (except one) sprung up lately, 6 of them were exercised, viz Joseph Wilkinson, Isaac Sonier, John Greenwood, John Smith, John Sonier, Willm Northend—they prayd very understandingly, experimentally, affectionatly I stood amazed to hear their gifts, many of them were the children of carnall parents, they blessed god for me, my recovery, labours, that ever they saw my face, heard my voyce, I concluded, was about an hour in prayer with such meltings in gratitude as I have seldom had with others,-blessed be free grace for this abundant

answer of my multiplyed prayers, there was also 2 other young men with us, at that time, hopefull, Joshua Scolfield and Eliezer Tetley—and 2 young women, one under great troubles of conscience, Will Clays maid, blessed be free-grace—

138 I had prayd and sought the Lord many a time formerly and more affectionatly of late, since this liberty was granted, that my two sons might be called forth into publick pastoral work out of those private familys where they have so long been hid, and yet haue been of good use: this was my End in their Education and dedication to god: and the design of their ordination and behold god begins to Answer prayer for on Tuesday night March 14 1693 god sent my son John, who acquainted me with a call he had to a publick meeting-place in Rotherham, one Mr Hollis a Londoner giues 26 li a year to uphold it, its true when Lords-day work begun, Mr Bovil the vicar prevailed with Mr Mandevil to let that house where the week-day lecture had been kept some years but since they have taken another far more convenient, and the congregation is increased to a greater number being now 3 or 400 persons, and my son hath great incouragmt of doing good, and liues still with Mr Westby 3 miles off, and rides on Lords day morning from Ranfield to Rotherham: and I hope god hath made him sincere and serious in his endeavours to doe good: he came to me, and stayd with me on Wednesday March 15 92 which was the day of my baptizing 63 years before, we spent some time in prayer together that day, he wept and prayd very affectionatly—I was much comforted in him, after all my Agonys of spirit for him: Blessed, blessed be my good god My son El: got a fall down stairs, hurt him, hindred their coming May 11 I was troubled prayd, and god sent them both May 30 93 both wel we kept a day of thanksgiuing at John Burys May 30 blessed be god-

139 On Tuesday Aug 15 1693 I was to take a journey to York, and had solemnly put my self into the hands of my dear Lord, and given notice of my absence the Lds day after (which was the first time I left them vacant Another since I erected my new meeting-place, wch is 5 journey yeares) I went to Leeds with Samuel Drake, but

I took to fell very sick there, being tortured with a griping Wallinwels in my belly, purged, vomited, was on such a Oct 17 93 fashion in my body as I never was before, could not sleep at all of two nights, doubted whether returned Oct 27 to return home, or goe forward committed my self to god as well as I could, went my journey, visited was better, accomplisht my business, which conmany friends cerned others more than my self: my stomack was very bad at that journey, eating little or no preacht 7 flesh yet kept up in a tollerable plight, beyond times. travelled expectation, I visited, prayed, with Mr Sharp baptized 5 children for him at Leeds, preacht many the Lecture on friday in the new meeting place miles at York for Mr Cotton, travelled to Bel-hal discarryed coursed, prayd with Lady Hewly, and for their on wings sick family, preacht on Lords day all day at of prayer York, visited my friends, dispatcht my busines, met my Lord Wharton at Healaaih, satisfyed him about Bibles, Catich—gaue him a catalogue of 160 of each distributed, gave Mr Taylor my sheet of covenanting, had full conference with him procured 50 Bibles, Cati [chisms,]—for friends, got 5 li for Joseph Heywood, 3 li for our school, 10 li wch I gaue Mr Baxter for Bramham, &c prayd 4 times with my Ld-returned safely home, but late on Aug 24 93-

140 On Wednesday Nov 29 1693 I made full account to preach in the meeting place in Warly a preparation for the Lords supper, (they sitting down with us A N, J H, J Butterworth had desired me upon the Sacramt-day before almost 8 weeks before, but never mentioned it since so that I was doubtfull whether to goe or no, 1 because they had not sent me word whether notice was given of it 2 no one came for me, as they were wont to doe, I was distracted in my thoughts fell down on my knees, begged direction resolved to goe, got ready, had boots, hood all on, was in the stable to take horse my wife was unsatisfyed to have me goe alone, S T our maid dissuaded me, I returned in again, put off all my riding things, went up to my study, but could not study, immediately one knocked at the gates, it was a lad of JB came to the cole pit, brought my wife some things from Manchester, came but accidentally, I askt him, whether warning was given he told me yes, he heard R S gaue notice, I set my self to get ready, it was almost 11 a clock, set out, rid fast people were watching, I begun about 12, prayd, preached aboue 2 hours on Mat 26 27 it was a full assembly god graciously assisted, made it a good day, a blessed oppertunity, the I was offended with them for that neglect yet my heart was melted in prayer, they depended one upon another: I returned home that night, blessed be god:

- 141 On friday Dec 1 93 I preacht a preparation sermon at home on Eph 5 2 walk in loue, and had ordered James Brooksbank and Anthony Lea, (two of our communicants) to come to my house, and severall other friends, that if possible we might accommadate a difference, betwixt the afore-named persons of some years standing, they came, and about 10 or 12 others, they begun sharply, had hard words, about A L not delivering a writing that J B had made, and put into his hands, and sd he promised to deliver it back, the other confessed upon such conditions, -stout arguing we had, we moderated as well as we could, but another quarrel was started, about passing a way weh J B stopt, I told him A L should give him satisfaction, he laid down 2sh, J B gaue it him again,—at last they were made friends, shakt each other by the hand, seemed to be cordiall, and I hope it will hold, it had cost me many thoughts of heart, and earnest prayers:
- 142 On Tuesday Nov 28 93 I received a letter from my son Eliezer at London, that his brother John was fallen sick at London, kept his bed, took a sweat &c I was sore troubled, fled to my old remedy of prayer, had many jealousys, misgiuings, yet at last on Saturday night Dec 2 93 I received a letter from him that he was recovered—likewise my son El fell sick at London March 4 94 in great danger, I prayd he recovered:
- 143 I have of late (this is Aug 11 94) heard some comfortable returns of prayer with reference to the successe of my poor ministry, several times at some private days of fasting and prayer, some put on duty have solemnly blessed god that ever they saw my face or heard my voyce, as A H, J H, R B, J R, and some that I had not known or taken

notice of so that I perceive there is more good done by my ministry then I was aware of—and it may be more then I shall know of whilst I live: for I frequently hear of some or other wrought upon by my poor labours, blessed be god: Mr Holdworth Sept 24 94 thankt god for thousands wrought on by my ministry Jos Lister Sept 26 94 for multitudes, J H, Oct 10 94 for innumerable soules converted or convinced by a worthlesse wretch—Soli deo gloria:

144 On Aug 7 1694 my two sons came home the night before, that morning we spent some time in prayer and that day they both preached in Warley, an exercise according to a call, god helpt them wonderfully, beyond my expectation, Eliezer prayd a long time very feelingly and understandingly with much warmth preacht on 1 Pet 4 18—That sinners cannot be saved, very solidly and pertinently: John was greatly helped in praying preaching on 2 Cor 7 1 concerning perfecting holines, it was a learned and experimental discourse Mr P being an hearer sd he had very rarely heard the like, indeed god hath giuen him great parts, oh that they may be sanctifyed, he kept humble blessed be god for this return of prayer I hope they have a principle of grace, and suitable conversation:

145 I had necessary occasions to goe into Lancashire this later end of Summer upon many accounts, it had beene very stormy, rainy, windy weather, my wife and I were both concerned greatly for my journey, because I designed to preach at Tinsel in Cheshire, for Mr Joseph Heywood, who was to preach at home for me, Saturday Sept 29 1694 was a very rainy day, T W came out of Lanc to attend me, sd it was not fair a quarter of an hour al day we were greatly

discouraged, but my wife and I set our selues to
Job 22 27 plead with god for fair weather and a comfortable
journey, it pleased God to clear the weather on

the Lords day, on munday Oct 2 I set out, travelled aboue 60 miles, had but one showr towards evening the day I set out the weather fair, sunshine all that

time, I returned Friday Oct 12, not one shower a wife for my son wa[s] a time, but the morning after viz Oct 13 fell a considerable snow, tho it lay not: I dispatcht all my visits, busines, to a nights lodging

mercy place, dining houres, riding muchwhat as I much proposed to my self before I went from home, I pray[d] for did my civil worldly busines in Little Leaver and a[t]last mostly the day after my going into Lanc: god gaue preacht 6 times, in distant places, god helped himonevery graciously accomplished all my busines to my suitable in abundant satisfaction, the day before my return, every viz thursday Oct 11 my two sons met me at Jo respect Armitages (and my son Johns wife) where we Oct 3 94 sate down togather at the Lords supper

146 Many and many a time haue I poured out my soul to the Lord for my 2 sons that god would own them with speciall grace, ministeriall gifts, settle them in convenient places for imploymt make use of them, and if it were his will giue them gracious wives, settle them in familys, build them houses, god hath gone a considerable way in answering these prayers in these cases, I hope he hath given them a principle of saving grace, imployd them both in familys, congregations where their labours have been acceptable my son John hath been 2 years preacher at a meeting-place at Rotherham, god hath helped him, his pains are still desired he is marryed to one Ms Elizabeth Stacy hopefull for Religion, they both came to us Novemb 29 94, he and I spent some time in prayer in my parlour Nov 30 he went from us on Saturday Nov 31 to preach at Pontefract, where he hath a call to settle, the same day there came a letter from the Pomfret-people with earnest requests that he would close with them as their pastour, with high expressions of their satisfaction in him, subscribed by 10 men of the heads of that meeting, he is slow in embracing of it, desires prayers in that case, will consult Rotherham people the ministers of Sheffield, resolues upon nothing but as the Lord directs, yet theres great probability of his settlement at Pontefract for severall weighty Reasons blessed be god for mercy thus far:

147 On Tuesday Feb 26 1693 I appointed my conference young men to come and spend some time in prayer to god with me, 7 of them came, 6 went to prayer we spent 5 hours in that work, god helpt them mightily beyond my expectation I admired to hear Joseph Wilkinson so largely understandingly pathetically particularly plead with god in all

cases especially blesse god for me, and pray so affectionatly for me and my sons, he took especiall notice of gods making my son John an instrument to convert the heart of his wife, and blessed god for her, as a suitable companion to him Oh what an heart-melting day was it to my soul, I concluded with some warm meltings of heart in praise to god for what I saw:

That day Elizabeth Milner came to me from great Horton, opened her cases of conscience, upon whom god had begun convictions by my poor ministry:

148 I received a letter from my son El— that he was extreme ill with torturing pain as upon the rack for 12 houres by cholick and (as they judged) stone upon which he went with Madam Taylor to Scarborough Spaw, I heard not from him of aboue a fortnight, was sore afflicted for him, prayd, begd prayers, at last on tuesday Aug 27 I received a letter from him of his return to Wallin wells and good condition—

149 I had an invitation and great inclination to goe once again into Nottinghamshire to visit Mr Taylor, my son &c having not been there of two yeares, but the tediousnes of the way, badnes of weather, my unfitnes to travel discouraged me, but at last resolved upon it, after committing the affair to god, I set out Sept 23 1695 god answered prayer, I had many signall mercys, 1 I travelled both safely and comfortably in the company of Mr Isaac Bates, whom I got to goe with me a good scholler, and hopefull, tho he had a fall, yet was not hurt: 2 I obtained a grant of Mr Westby to entertain him for his chaplain in his house at Ranfield, 3 I lodged at Mr Will Cottons, was acceptable to 2 old widows, prayd with them, advised them, was again invited thither: 4 also at Wallinwels besides praying in the family I preacht a preparation sermon for the Lds supper upon Job 10 7 wch was very affecting: 5 on Lords day after publick work was over we withdrew into a chamber, and there I administered the Lds supper to 16 persons most of the family, only Ms Hatfield, Ms Spencer her daughter: 6 I observed a serious spirit of Mr Taylor, his wife, many of the family, and very orderly carriage in all 7 god heard prayer for their indisposed daughter in her recovery while I

was there 8 god hath greatly indeared them to my son Eliezer who hath been there 17 yeares 9 my son and I spent some time together in prayer sweetly, he is of a sensible spirit 10 I met with my son John at Rotherham who told me of his wives health, and his own, who had been ill in a cold: 11 Mr Timothy Jolly came to hear me at Rotherham told the company at Mr W Langlys how god had wrought on him by a sermon I preacht 21 yeares before in Westmorland on 2 Tim 3 7 expressed great affection to me, professing he was more bound to blesse god for me then any man in the world, except his own father he is of great use both to his congregation and also to the church in training up schollers for the ministry: 12 Tho I had promised to preach at Mr Richs at Bulhouse, yet they had given no notice, therefore I returned home on thursday Oct 3 a day sooner then I was expected, found my little family and neighbourhood in good health, blessed for ever blessed be my good god:

150 On Friday Dec 13 1695 forenoon I set my self solemnly to seek god upon severall accounts, particularly for my daughter-in-law, near her straits, and upon an account of some differences amongst some relations in Lancand behold a speedy Answer in both, 1 James Tetlaw came on Lords day Dec 15 told me he lodged with my son at Ponfret the thursday night, my daughter begun to travel that night, he left her in pangs on Friday, they sent for the mid-wife Ms Wilson of Wakefield, this he told me at noon, but I was no sooner got into the pulpit but a letter came by post from my son John to signify that that very friday Dec 13 95 about 4 a clock she was safely delivered of a louely male child, a month sooner than they expected, yet no naturall defect in the child that might make them think it came before the time, but rather mothers misreckoning: she in a hopefull way: this is the greater mercy bec many women lately haue dyed of child Martha Naylor, Ms Rooks &c: 2 A letter came to my hands from my kinsman W W dated Dec 13 signifying the good agreemt made on wednesday before betwixt him and his sisters,-Blessed be god, I take it as a good omen of more—this is Dec 21 95

151 In december 27 1695 I had a letter from Mr H of York that the ministers in Nottinghamshire had agreed

amongst themselues and desired it might be communicated to Ministers and Christians in all other parts to spend an hour every tuesday morning in secret prayer betwixt 7 and 8 a clock on behalf of the nation and church of god perceiuing the spirits of papists and Jacobites working and possibly discerning by causes presaging and instant, some danger to the nation, tho we knew not what it was or whence it would arise, accordingly I gaue notice to my sons and other ministers, and I perceiue it was solemnly observed, I begun on tuesday morning Dec 31 1695—god did greatly assist me every tuesday morning successively to spend my hour with some sighs and groanes and my dear Lord put proper pleas and arguments in my mouth, and I was sweetly persuaded

that the Lord would some day remarkeably hear-

Behold how quick the Lord was in answering on friday night Feb 28 169 I received a letter from my son El at London, and some papers inclosed, giving me an account of a desperate plot both agt the kings life and invading the kingdom, and insurrection: the plot was laid at St Germans, the french king and King James being privy to it and concerned in it—the Duke of Barwick (K James bastard) coming over into Engl to head the conspiracy, the first design was to kill K William when he went a hunting at Richmond and if that missed, the 15th of Feb, on wch that was to be perpetrated, then they designed to shoot him on the next Sabboth day morning at the corner betwixt Hidepark and St James park, 60 persons were ingaged in that horrid conspiracy, and when that was effected, then the insurrection to follow, and they were to have made a fire at Dover, which was a token to be seen at Callice, where K James lay with fifty thousand French souldiers, who must haue been instantly whipt over into England and joyned those here, and Bufflers was gone to Dunkirk with 40 Battalions, or as others say with twenty thousand foot and six thousand horse to have embarkt for England: and who knows what they might have done:

But behold the watchfull eye and powerfull hand of divine providence: one of the conspirators that was to have killed the king was troubled in his conscience, came to

De la Rue him at Kensington told the K he had a secret to discover to him, only begged his own life, and

concealment of his name, and that he might not be brought

in as a witnes agt the rest, which being granted he discovered the whole intrigue: this alarmed K and Parlt, he sent governours to severall ports and officers to their posts, Admiral Russel to sea with a great Navy, raised Militia, Ld Mayor of London shut the gates, set guards, the Parlt addrest the King at Kensington with gratitude to god, caution to him to take care of his person with promise to stand by him, vote for an Association of the House, to defend his title agt K James or any others, but 70 or (as my son sth 80) dissent from them, the whole nation is in an hurry at this instant March 13 169.

March 15 9. (weh was the day of my Baptizing 66
years agce) I received a letter from my son John
I met that he was ill, had taken a vomit, was blooded,
both my I was troubled set my self to pray, on munday
sons at March 23 P B came from Wakefield, told me
Lidyat my son did not preach the day before, they
J A May feared an Asthma, I was concerned, prayd for
21 96 him god heard, he sent me a letter March 29
they were that gaue me intelligence he was better designed
both well to preach this day, blessed be god

I designed a journey into Lanc: this summer some necessary worldly busines I had with my tenants, but chiefly to preach my sister Esthers funerall sermon at Bolton, on a text she left as a blessed legacy, Isai 44 22, I was sollicitous about that journey prayd to god to direct and protect me, was at last resolved cozen J Heywood came for me, with whom I set out on munday june the 1t returned with J Lomax June 12 96 preacht 7 times in that journey at Eccles, Manchester, Bolton, Cockey, Ratchdale, Sowerby, baptized 2 children, administred the Lords supper I judg, to 500 persons at Bolton, was sore toyled but my Lord brought me safely home on Friday night, I found peace and safty in every step of my way, assistance he gaue in my work, successe in my undertakings in relieving severall necessitous poor, reconciling differences, conversing with friends: O for the fruit of my labours in my native countrey—as I have seen some sweet answers of prayer remarkeable passages of providence upon the review June 13 1696—blessed, blessed be my good god

154 On Tuesday June 30 96 I set out with Timothy Holt for Ponfret, lodged at Mr Oates of Chickenly preacht the day after at Wakefield, both my sons met me there, with whom I rode that night to Johns house in Ponfret, found a full answer to my many prayers, 1 the grace of god in my sons we spent time in praying, praising god next day: 2 his dear wife pious, wise, loving, every way suitable 3 a louely young son, Timothy: 4 his people very loving: 5 he hath broken that bad custom of clubbing and sending for ale, he will not suffer it at his own house, nor goe to others: 6 a very convenient habitation, full library, carefull servants 7 hauing got a licence, we kept a day of prayer aboue 40 serious christians in order to the setting up the Lords supper regularly amongst them they blest god for him: 0 what mercy!

155 On Tuesday August 25 1696 I set out for York had put my self and was put by my Christian friends the day before into the hands of god and the Lord shewed me these remarkeable Answers of prayer 1 he provided me an honest comfortable companion in my travels, Samuel Drake who was very carefull of me: 2 at Leeds Mr me to dine with him there I met with severall friends 3 had another book given me 4 bought Mr Bartles visited many friends conversed familiarly with Dr Manloue: 5 lodged comfortably with Mr R Thorsby, had severall fine things showed me: 6 had good company on to York Mr Robt Ledgard of Leeds, others: 7 I found good entertainment acceptance at York, visited many friends, lodged at mine old quarters Ms Gildards-8 preached the lecture on Friday was helped, 9 spent the Lords day at Bel-hall with Lady Hewley (which was providentially ordered Mr Rither assisting Dr Cotton at York) we met with Mr John White of Notting shire, lodged with him, Mr Taylor and all their company, travelled with them to Ferry-Brigs, thereby had occasion to discourse with Mr White about many matters of moment that concern my self and others, he being one of my Lord Whartons Executors: 11 saw both my sons, lodged with them both, they praying with me, I with them, travelled together: lodged at Ponfret saw my daughter, granchild, had visitors there, Mr Waterhouse, Mr Litse [? Lister] Mr Huntington &c we got safe home a day sooner then I expected Sept 3 found all well, praised be god

156 There was a sharp winter a long frost and snow which continued till March, yet it pleased the Lord to give very seasonable weather for preparing the earth and casting in seed, but then there came a great drought it had not rained of some months, so that the earth was exceeding dry, grasse and corn was at a stand, came not up according to peoples desires, we prayd (tho were sensible we oft forgot to pray for rain in our solemn addresses to god) but at last upon tuesday April 20 97 I rid to John Robucks at Holmfirth, where we had a solemn day of fasting and prayer, they remembred the season, I was last and before we parted, there came a great flash of lightening, then a crack of thunder, after that a fine shower, and this continued aboue a week by times, powring down a plentiful rain which refreshed the earth, put a new green suit upon it, brought up grasse and corn O how gracious is the great god!

157 On Friday June 25 97 after I had been at a private fast at Tho Bentleys where Joseph Lister, George Ward John Jowet had been affectionately pleading for me and god helpt my heart, Mr Joseph Dawson jun came with his mother, told me he had heard severall about Ratchdal acknowledg that god had made me an instrument of good to their soules by my preaching there On Friday July 2 97 I preacht at Horton after sermon dined at Joseph Stansfields, his wife told me she had been the week before at a private fast of women, they were all much concerned for me, hearing I was not well prayed heartily for me, sd if ever they had any good to their souls, god had made me the instrument—Blessed be god—

158 Notwithstanding the seeming Reconciliation of the difference betwixt J Priestly and me viz numb 131 before A D 1691 and he sat down with me at the Lords supper, yet withdrew again upon no provocation on my part, gaue hard words both behind my back and to my face sent me very sharp letters went to little Horton sate down there at the Lords supper, would not come to private fasts with us, I was greatly affected, prayd many a time to god examined my conscience and conversation wherein I might have provoked god or him at last I resolved to make another triall, I told his son Jonathan if his father would come on Lords

day evening Oct 31 1697 to my house I would procure those Christian friends that were present July 17 at a private fast to be there, I would confesse what fault I was conscious to my self of, clear him, ask him forgiuenes but he would not come, however I got Mr John Brooksbank of Ealand, James Halsted of Warley, Anthony Lea, James Tetley, John Ramsden, James Oates, Sam Holdworth, John Hanson members of our society and his son Jonathan Priestley was with us, before whom I declared, 1 that I doe acknowledg my fault in what I sd at that private fast at my he conhouse July 17 was sorry for it desiring him to

he continues still forgiue it since he was absent that was concerned to joyn (the he was desired to be present) 2 I did prolouingly fesse, I was persuaded J P did see reall cause to with us, visits me, 3 that J P did me no wrong in not buying the field for me—I askt them whether they rememday june bred that when I had read something about J P, 27 1698 that I should say that day (and is this a person

fit for communion) they all denyed it, and sd I never spoke such a word his son J— Mr B J T— and others certifying him of these things he was satisfyed and sate down with us at the Lords supper Nov 29 1697

159 It pleased god that the winter from Nov 25 1697 to march was an exceeding cold and sharp winter, and April 3 98 was a considerable snow and frost, and withal little or no rain people were put far on in April for plowing and sowing, very little grasse or corn came up in May, many were sore discouraged corn rose from 22sh a load of shilling to 35sh. a load, sessements great and leading dead, so that people were full of tears and complaints, May 4 1698 I had appointed a meeting of ministers at my house forenoon we spent in conference, afternoon in prayer, principally with reference to the weather shortly after it pleased god to send abundance of rain, sweet showers, warm rain, so that both grasse and corn come on abundantly—

160 July 11 1698 John Priestly was to goe into the country to buy wool, I writ by him to Mr Whitlock at Nottingham, he rid into Suffolk, rode up and down about his occasions intended to set homewards on Friday July 22

but was taken with an extreme purging (which hath been an Epidemicall disease through all England of late) intelligence of it came to his father, July 26 they had every post letters still that he was fallen into a feaver, dangerously ill at St Edmundsbury in Suffolk, they got him from his inne

to Mr Lucas house, where he wanted no care, he came physick, attendance, the disease increased, we home Sept spent a solemn day of fasting and prayer for 2 we kept him at Westercroft in his fathers house on a day of munday Aug 1 98 it was an heart-melting day, father and two sons prayd warmly for him, I preacht on Act 21 14 god greatley helpt me in there Sept prayer, Tho Hodgson that marryed his sister set out to him the morning after, returned Aug 12

brought news he was recovering, sent for an horse to come down, J P his brother told me yesterday Aug 14 that the day of our fast he was at his worst, they lookt for no life, but after that day, he mended kept in a way of recovery—blessed be god—

161 Joseph Haliday marryed Elizabeth (Jeremiah Baxters daughter) some years agoe, they lived at Priestly Green, he traded, went behind, then went up to London, left his wife to keep house with 2 children, severall persons frequented the house, among the rest Jack Firth (servant to Francis Brook), Sarah Brook reported foul stories of too much familiarity betwixt them, Jeremiah Baxter undertook to vindicate his sister 4 years after, when they were returned from London, I dissuaded him, saying these reports will fall of themselves, told him of danger of suing in the Sp-court &c but he was peremptory, said he would spend 100 li he cited Sarah Brook for a defamation proceeded in that court a year, till they had spent abundance of money, then brought it to the Sessions both at Ponfret and Leeds, there was strange oaths sworn on both sides, very shamefull work and words before the justices and all the country, abundance of money spent it became a countrey-talk, nay it was brought to the Assizes at York Apr 1698 Judg Turton bade them agree it, referr'd the business to 2 justices, yet still J B gets out an Execution upon S B- which cost her and her husband a journey to London to prevent it, another Assize was designed for tryall Aug 20 at last 2 men proposed a reference to 4 men which with much adoe was accepted, tho oft before refused by J B, till he hath spent as he sth 70 li and she 50 li, they entred Bonds in a 100 li a piece to stand to the determination of 4 men. J B chose Jonathan Priestly jun and James Scawbert of Ealand-hall, S Brook choose Mr Edward Langley and Joseph Eccles, they met twice or thrice and could not make an End of it, Mr Langly came to me with her on Friday Sept 9 98 desired me to use my interest with J P to conduct it, accordingly I writ effectually the next day, set my self to pray earnestly for agreement, 1 bec they were my godly friends children, deceased, 2 my hearers, accordingly they ended it that day, S B was 1 to confess her fault in telling those foul tales, 2 to give him 5 li-writings sealed on munday Sept 12 98—Blessed, blessed be god for an End of this sad busines-

162 In Autumn A D 1698 (having been a very cold summer) it fell to excessive wet weather that corn did not ripen, and people could not reap, this was universall through England, the there was a plentifull crop upon the ground, yet shilling rose in the market from 23 or 24sh a load to 34 or 35sh, most persons had done their old store and good farmers were forced to buy, great complaints were made, trading bad, poor people bought peas and beans for food, the heavens poured down showrs continually and excessively, there was a great outcry: it pleased god to put it into my heart to appoint a publick fast in my chappell Oct 6 1698 I got Mr Bairstow to assist me in the work, many people came god made it a good day, drew out our hearts much in prayer, he preacht on 2 chron 7 14 I preacht on Math 6 11 it was a very sweet heart-melting day, people were much affected, and loe god made good that promise Isai 65 24 before they call I will Answer—for the Oct 4 was a sore day of rain, a great flood yet Oct 5 it cleared up, was a pleasant sunshine day and so continued almost 3 weeks, fair sunshine frosty nights good harvest weather, so that people were very busy shearing and housing abundance of corn so that markets of corn are fallen to 28sh a load—this fair weather and sunshine days hath continued till this day which is monday Oct 24 now it begins to lour and be misty, some rain comes, but blessed be god for this mercy the mercy is

continued most people having got down their harvests in our parts pretty well, a full crop Oct 31 98 most people about us have shorn housed it was a great snow Nov 5 98 begun to thaw Nov 20

163 Mercy Stocks, Joshua Stocks wife in our town, a gracious woman that had sate down with us at the Lords supper fell into deep melancholy and frenzy, was very unruly that they were forced to bind her, she rambled about and talked very idly and extravagantly, so that the neighbours were greatly disturbed with her both day and night, often naming the dead, and expressed such shameful words, that many wondred at her, where she should learn them, thus she continued night and day a great affliction to her husband and family, severall months, many means were used, blooding severall times, physick, all did no good, at last we resolved to keep a solemn fast with her and for, I prevailed with old Mr Dawson Mr Priestly, Mr Wright, Mr Bairstow they all came and we all prayd for her, I preacht on Dan 4 34 the day was wednesday Oct 19 1698, they dined at my house: god graciously heard prayer tho she was a little rude towards the End of that day, yet since that she hath had more exercise of her reason, talkt sensibly, I prayd with her, thankt god for her, Oct 27, blessed be god, tho her body is weaker, declining-my wife and I went to see her on munday Oct 31 she spoke very sensibly, what she could say for natural weaknes, sd she was afraid there was something yet undiscovered for which god afflicted her, desired me to pray with her which I did, put her into the hands of god, she thankt me was sensible, on tuesday night Nov 1 she departed about 12 a clock in the night she was buried at Halifax Nov 4 98 I preacht a funerall sermon at my chappel that day on 1 Pet 4 18-

164 It pleased god to lay his afflicting hand upon my dear wife, first in a violent pain in her left eye, which smarted, run, was painfull, kept her from chappel 6 lords days at last she begun in a strange distemper of bleeding in her mouth March 11 169[§] it continued that evening, and a little in the morning, ceased most part of the Lords day but at night it begun again in a prodigious manner, continued till 2 a clock in the night, wherein she ceased not to

spit out of her mouth abundance of black locker'd blood, our servant Susanna Tillotson held the bason, which she emptyd 5 or 6 severall times, she stayd up all night, we were much astonisht with it, she bled aboue a quart, which she thought came out of her gooms, where there was a hole, which she judged was made long agoe by pulling out a tooth, none came up her throat, but still her mouth was filled with blood, which she continually kept spitting out, yet it pleased god that it ceased coming betwixt 2 and 3 of clock that night, so that we got asleep and slept till morning and were much refresht but in the morning it begun again, we were sore discouraged, sent for John Brearcliff Apothecary in Halifax, we told him we thought it to be an impost in her head, broken, he sd no, for then blood would have come out at her nose, he sd it was the scurvy, bid us not be discouraged that bleeding would tend to her health, prescribed some things to take, as nettles, ground up &c but she bled some still, only it pleased god that her eye was much better. -god helpt me to commit her to god by prayer with some importunity—and god answered.

On the wednesday March 15 Dr Richardson of Biarly an ingenious gentleman, phisitian, was sent by my neighbour Mr Joseph Crowther to my wife, I was not at home, he spake exceeding kindly to her, incouraged her, gaue her some prescriptions,—she begun to be better, bled no more after munday continues comfortably well till this day which is March 31 1699 blessed be god—she had another fit of distemper of pain, all over in the month of june, 99 but is

recovered-

Eliezer comfortably in marriage, he hauing continued chaplain in Mr Taylors family at Wallin-wells aboue 20 years and in due time god brought into the company of a young woman one Hellen the daughter of Mr John Rotherham of Dranfield in Darbishire, my son came over purposely to desire my consent, which I freely gaue the I did not know her, only had a good character of her for piety, then he had her father and mothers free consent approbation, Mr Thomas White (that marryed Mr Taylors daughter) stood up for my son, he giues him 150 li, part was his salary, Mr Rotherham offered with his daughter 400 li, he sth he will giue them

another 100 li at death, he came to me I freely gaue him my farm in Sowerby of 8 li a year, they appointed a private fast at her fathers, Mr Tim Jollie and my two sons to keep it, and at last the nuptialls were solemnised at Hansworth Jan 18 16, 20 my son John and his wife were there, considerable solemnity, her father distributed groats or 6d a piece to neighbours, it was a solemn busines, my son El writes a letter to me dated Feb 11—I have been 14 days with my dear wife at Dranfield came yesterday to Wallinwells to pay my respects to them, but shall return to her to morrow, preach there my usuall course on Lords day-I hope I have great occasion to admire the goodnes of god in bringing this about, she is very suitable and amiable, and one that I believe truely fears god-my dear longs to see you and dear mother both familys carry towards me so as deserve more than ordinary gratefull acknowledgmt—the young woman is but about 21 years of age, he aboue 40-she sd she would marry a N C minister to help her towards heaven-Blessed be god for this providence and Remarkable Answer of prayer-

a private fast at Martha Bins at Westercroft and immediatly after we came home, Mr Timothy Jollie came to our house, brought Mr Moult a scholler, and his son Tim: with him intending to stay Lords day, but my wife was taken so ill in her head, back, with sickness that I durst not invite them to stay: but in the morning she was better and was willing they should stay, they had put on their Boots making ready to march to Leeds, yet upon the least intimation they voluntarily put them off, resoluing to stay, which I took very thankfully and there were many mercys in the bowels of this mercy for

1 he and his pupil and my self spent some time on Saturday forenoon in prayer in my chamber where every one of us had warm hearts god-wards—

2 in that duty Mr Jollies heart was exceedingly affected with the sermon that I preached in Westmorland 20 years agoe upon 2 Tim 3 7 Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledg of the truth which he took particular notice of and dated his conversion from that sermon

3 he took special notice of good he received by another sermon I preacht while he was at Mr Franklands at Natland concerning spirituallizing of all parts of human learning as Grammar, Rhetorick, Logick, Philosophy which I had forgot, but he remembred very distinctly, and was edifyed thereby

4 Mr Jollie at that time told me of a passage concerning my son Eliezer which I had never heard before, that he saved his life, at Natland some schollers went by the river to bath them, Mr Jolly was got out, putting on his cloaths, my Son was coming forth but immediatly dropt into a deep

vomited was affrighted—could see nothing of him but part of his hand, got hold of his finger and pulled him out, half dead, got his cloths on, they came when got home, told his brother John, who was struck with terror and as he saith was as white as a clout, but recovered, blessed be god for that

preventing mercy—

5 on Lords day May 19 700 he preacht both ends of the day in my meeting-place upon Jer 3 22 very affectionatly, understandingly prayd warmly, meltingly, gaue great satisfaction to the congregation which was very great, he sd he had not seen such a numerous Assembly in a country-place, not in a city, or a market town—god doe good to them—

6 Our personall converse was sweet, savoury the alas not so profitable as it might and ought to have been, but he is

exceeding intelligent and observant:

7 I doe perceiue god hath made him of great use in training up Schollers in University learning in order to the ministry, he hath at this time 26 schollers, and 40 more are completely qualified, and are imployed in that sacred office—he tells me he hath not had one miscarryed in his hands, but one T L which was but a school-boy, and he turned him off, and would have no more to doe with him—Indeed I perceiue he is well accomplisht for his work, both for learning, parts, sweet temper, and soundnes in the faith, not drawn away with these odde opinions, very orthodox of a moderate spirit, blessed be god for him, he is about 42 years of age, marryed Mr Fishers daughter by whom he hath 3 children, two daughters, one 8 years of age another 13 his son Timothy with him here about 9 years of age—entertains Mr Primes people to communion and some of his members sit

down with Mr Prime, tho he be congregationall yet of an healing humble spirit—blessed be god for him—these are sweet signall mercys for which I haue prayd, and cannot but take speciall notice of as Answers of prayers—

161* Upon Saturday Sept 21 1700 about one a clock came Dr Thomas Coulton of York, and his wife and Thomas Fawbard to our house, tho he be a tender man yet he came purely and purposely 30 miles to see me, whom I had been an instrument to set apart to the ministry with 3 others, he dined with us, we went up into my chamber he and I spent some time in prayer, and in discourse, on Lords day afternoon he preacht in my chappell on Act 20 24 exceeding well, was much affected with our Assembly in prayer for me, my people—munday morning I got Jer Baxter to goe with him on the way towards Wakefield—he told him he would not haue taken such a journey to any minister in England,—he sd the same to S Holdworth who was with him on wednesday night, he came home safe the night before—blessed be god.

But my wife fell very ill on Lords day night (whether with toyling with that company or cold she got) she burned exceedingly in her bed could not sleep fell to excessive purging was sore pained in her back—I feared a feaver which is very rife in the country, it weakened her very much, that she could not goe to the chappel next Lords day, I was much concerned for her, Prayed gaue her up into the hands of god, it pleased the Lord to recover her so that the Lords day after that Oct 6 1700 she was at the chappel, writ sermons repeated as she was wont to doe and is in tollerable health, tho John Crowther of Stopes lyes dead in his house and is to be buryed to morrow Oct 9 had been a fortnight ill of a feaver, had Dr Prescot, would not be persuaded to make a will—My wife is about 68 years of age, he little aboue 40—

162 Upon Wednesday afternoon Oct 2 1700 came my son Eliezer from Ponfret, told me my son John was in a feaver, went again to him the day following, I charged him to let me know how he did, but heard nothing of severall days, I was much concerned, spread his condition before the Lord, put him into gods hands, was much comforted that

^{*} A misnumbering only.

god had answered prayer for his saving conversion, so that I had abundant incouragement, that if god took him away now his spirit would be taken to heaven, and this quieted my spirit, and so far I was satisfyed, but earnestly begged his life for the churches sake: On Lords day after Oct 6 two men went up Halifax told it to severall that I was dead, and spread the report at the meeting in Warly the same day, wch astonist them, and the day after severall in Halifax enquired of our servant she rectifyed that mistake, but it struck on my spirit that they meant my son John at Ponfret, upon which I was much afflicted prayd again, had no notice till Friday Oct 11 and then at night a boy brought me a letter by post, writ by his own hand signifying his recovery, and that he had preacht the Lords day before, and was to preach on that day, Friday in preparation for the Lords supper, O what a reviving was it to my spirit! blessed blessed be god for this seasonable Answer of prayer

Ost 27 I had another letter from him dated Oct 25 wherein he sth I thank god I am better, but still am troubled with a strange and almost unaccountable faintnes and drooping of spirits which makes me lesse fit for service, the I would willingly be tugging at it, I hope through gods blessing in answer to your believing prayers, it may in time goe off as

strength increases &c-

I observed that Samuel Holdworth and his wife had not sitten down with us at the Lords supper 2 or 3 times, and when he came to my house upon other busines Sept 3 1700 I askt him the reason of withdrawing, he told me John Ramsden and he had fallen out gaue me an account of the occasion which was small, S H had bought a pound of black wool of J R wife in his absence, when he came home he was angry, sent for it again, had it returned, the shilling restored, but J R was angry, he should come to his house, allure his wife to sell it, came after to S H was very angry, gaue him hard words before his wife provokt S H he came to me would have the matter heard before 2 or 3 christian friends, I moved it to J R he shuffled and seemed unwilling writ a sharp letter to me, I writ a louing letter to him, desired him not to forsake our solemn assembly, for he had gone away one day to Horton and after to Kipping, he was restles, I discoursed with his old master J P he sd the

matter was not worth such a meeting, being but about a trifle, so thought it best for them to agree it betwixt themselues, I was glad of that J R gets John Hanson to come with him to S H they had sharp words again I was much concerned about it, set my self to pray for an accommodation at last J R came again to my house Oct 24 1700 I discoursed with him in the parlour, in the interim comes S Holdworth not knowing that he was there we came into the house, fell to discourse they were both high, went again into the parlour begun to tell their tales—I silenced them urged them to agree and let matters fall but prevailed not, we came again into the house, I told them I would hear no more arguings at last they yielded to peace laid by their weapons, drunk to each other promised to be quiet—god confirm and continue it—J R was at chappel Lds day

164 My son Eliezer marryed Hellen the daughter of Mr John Rotherham of Dranfield in Darbishire Jan 18 16 18 16 18 16 pleased god to give her conception and though they were gone to house at Carleton in Nottinghamshire, yet because her mother could not be with her (as she desired) they carryed her to lye in at Dranfield, her parents were very dear of her, solemn fasts were kept for her, they ingaged us to Remember her, and the rather because she had had an abortion, we were much concerned on her behalf, I had waited long to hear of her at last upon Tuesday March 11 came a letter from my son dated March 8 17 giuing us account that on that evening betwixt 5 and 6 a clock she was delivered of a perfect lively man-child-which they purpose to call Oliver after me, the third of that name, after my grandfather and myself-Blessed be god, this day March 11 I set some time apart to give god thanks for this mercy at the same time I received a letter from my son Johnwherein he gives account of his and familys health:

But it pleased god to call for my son Eliezers child by death about 6 days after its birth, gods will is done, blessed be god, but the mother recovers well, theres mercy in that—

May 5 1701 my son Eliezer and his wife came to my house towards evening both in good health, told us their child was baptized Oliver before it dyed by my son John, brought me a letter from Mr Rotherham, who had been ill of the stone was better—they stayd all next day—we spent

time together in prayer on wednesday he prayd with us at W Clays, went away

165 This winter I have been greatly afflicted with shortness of breathing, haue had much adoe to walk to my chappel, or goe upstaires into my chamber, or goe to a neighbour house, or lye down in my bed but with sore panting and blowing, once they persuaded me to ride to my chappel, which I did, March 30 1701 but was ill toyled in getting on and off horse back, that was all the times I was on horseback of 17 weeks, kept home yet the Lord heard prayer and expressed great mercy 1 in the case of my body so that I was neither sick nor pained, 2 I slept well, only once in the night I had a fit of coughing, 3 I eat my meat, digested it well, the I could not eat much: 4 I could study, and writ severall treatises in that time, 5 when I was got into the pulpit, I could pray and preach audibly, a long time together, 6 I had few calls or occasions abroad but what I could escape—7 I have a louely tender affectionate wife, that takes great care of me, hath procured many receits and remedys—so that Apr 30 1701 I am so recruited that I can ride abroad a little way-

166 On Munday June 30 1701 and tuesday morning my dear wife was very ill, was seized upon with a pain all over her, we knew not what it would tend to or end in, she was very heartles, I was much discouraged, but withdrew myself to my old remedy, sought the Lord, he helpt me, and graciously heard my poor groanings so that upon wednesday July 2 she was much better, able to doe business in the house as she was wont to doe, blessed be my god

167 We have had abundance of bad tidings concerning the publick affairs of the nation this June 1701—1 that the french are besetting the states of Holland at a strange rate in order to attack England, which hath caused a miserable complaint to us from the united provinces, 2 no help hath been sent for several months, 3 our Parlt have acted strangely agt 4 Lords of the Kings best friends 4 imprisoning men for presenting a petition from Kent &c so that we had dreadful apprehensions of being devoured by the French and by one another at home—

upon which considerations at our monthly fast at my house June 25 I preacht on Esth 8 6—friends were affected

and I pursued it in secret as god helpt me

And Behold a quick return for that day sennight on wednesday July 2 1701 came J P acquainted me with good news 1 that the Parlt hath granted the King a large sessmt tell him that whatever peace or war he makes with foreign princes they will stand by him: 2 the 4 Lords are cleared by their peers and taken into favour, highly treated, tho not by the Parlt—3 the 5 Kentish gentlemen are set at liberty are highly treated by the city of London, made freemen of it—4 the Parlt is prorogued till 27 of August the King is gone into Holland, was much caressed by the citizens of London, and all things at present look with another face then they did a month agoe—whatever the consequence of these things be

I went into my chamber and gaue god thanks for answer-

ing prayer—

Another intelligence A N brought me in print which came out of Holland that the germans had slain of the french 4000 men

168 Upon tuesday July 22 1701 in the afternoon my poor wife begun to be exceeding ill, violently pained in the night burned excessively could sleep little, was very feaverish, we sent for Dr Hall Joshua Firth his granson came to see her, they gave her something but it did her no goodshe grew worse and worse, violently pained in her head, back, breast, all over, could take no food, excessive costive, many came to see her but she was fit for no company, kept her bed, thus she continued 3 weekes in a violent feaver, I lay from her, they wakt with her I did make full account she would dye and put her into gods hands, seemed content to part with her, having good hopes of her safe arrivall in heaven, But 1 god set me a praying for recovery with submission to his will 2 god helped severall others, ministers and Christians to plead affectionatly for her: 3 god directed her thoughts to a carefull prudent nurse to attend her, Sarah Brook, who had experience of the like distemper, and was exceeding diligent and active about her 4 Mr John Brearcliff Apothecary in Halifax came to see her, did what he could for her, so that by the blessing of god in 3 weeks time she was better, and her pain abated and we could perceiue some small recovery, but still to this day Sept 5 1701 she is weak hath little appetite, keeps her room, they still wake with her, yet she is much at ease sleeps well, hath a better appetite, gains strength, blessed be god,—yesterday Sept 4 we had a day of thanksgiuing at Westercroft for John Priestlys wife child-bearing, and Mr Priestly Mr Bairstow praised god affectionatly for my dear wife—god hath shewed rich mercy blessed be his name—Saturday Sept 20 1701 my wife and I being in the house alone, designing to spend some time in prayer, god graciously helpt her in prayer—inlarged her heart as formerly, blessed be god—this is first time Sept 28 she prayed again—my two sons came, both preached publickly in my chappel Sept 29 1701 kept it as a day of thanksgiuing for her, it was a good day blessed be god—

169 My dear brothers son, (my nephew Nathaniel Heywood), was grievously afflicted with Melancholy as he hath been formerly, left off preaching a long time, used all means, lay under Doctors hands at Warrington, Bolton, was blooded severall times, all means were ineffectuall, at last the Doctors advised to take him to Knaresbrough Spaw, accordingly he, his mother, sister Anne, came to my house July 5 1701 I sent Sam Holdworth with them to the Spaw, they stayd a month there, I sent for them again S H on Aug 12 the day after he went with them into Lanc. but we could not see that he was any better, I could not persuade him to pray, he had strange fancys, no mind to goe home, they had some difficulty to get him forward, yet coming to Bolton they told him he had a daughter born in his absence, he smiled, said he would goe home next day, did so, I was still in expectation of hearing somthing concerning him, at last Oct 14 came our tenant James Crompton brought me a letter from my sister, dated Oct 7 1701 wherein she writes the good news that he is better, sth "it pleaseth god to deal very graciously with him for I hope he is much recovered, he goes blessed be god to his work very willingly and hath preached 3 excellent sermons and used no notes, had his own method, was pretty liuely, more like himself then any time ever since he began, he studys pretty closely, yet in our common discourse he is full of fears and retains his old fancys still, and is apt to say he is no better, but o what a mercy it is that he is so well. I earnestly desire that god alone may have the praise for he that hath so wonderfully begun can only compleat the deliverance and put new songs of praise into our mouths, I doubt not dear brother but you that have been so earnest with god will praise god and pray for him in your congregation—he is more inlarged his text was Psal 42.5"

Blessed blessed be god for this very gracious Answer of prayer.

[This ends Mr. Heywood's Prison-Book.—J.H.T.]



Beywood Correspondence.*

My dear Son

It is now towards a fortnight since I writ to you, and desired an Answer whether you could supply for me when I goe into Lanc May 21, I could be glad to have your company thither about 15 or 16 of May, and so come back that week to my house because you can ride better then I-I desire you would send my manuscript to Mr Taylor with all the speed you can. I had a letter from him, telling me, if it come not shortly it will be too late, they will be gone into the country: I had another letter from Mr Parkhurst who is willing to print it, tonly would see it first: he hath printed Parents advice—sent down 100 but by Tom-longcarrier J. P. cannot find them, tho he and I have notice of them, but no mention of carriers name: I partly chide Mr Park. yet will not leave him, as Dr. Sampson Adviseth, we are well, my wife longs to see you: hath John bought an horse? then I hope hee'l come, and Mr Westby: I have a louely company of hopefull young men, with whom I was yesterday, preacht to them, you are upon our hearts, for personall concerns, and ministeriall, your age calls for settlement in the world, I am full of cares for you, our supper-day is Lords day sennight, the fast is wednesday after, I shall be glad of your company and Assistance any time, you are both dear to me, my loue, service to Ms Madam Taylor

Your Endeared father Ol. Heywood

April 25—93 the very day wherin I was marryed to your mother A D 1655,—38 years agoe, called St Marks day.

These for his louing son Eliezer Heywood liuing at Richard Taylors Esq. at Wallin-wells in Nottingham. post paid leaue this at the post house in Redford to be sent as aboue.

^{*} Mostly lent me by Mr. G. H. Adshead. Other letters will be found in Slate's Life of Heywood and Thoresby's Letters, ed. Hunter.

† "Best Entail."?

My dear Child,

March 16th, 1697

I received your letter this day sevennight and am glad mine is acceptable to you, I pray it may be profitable; you are much upon my heart. Yesterday, (which was the day of my baptism sixty-seven years ago,) I spent the forenoon in secret and solemn addresses to my dear Lord, and had sweet enlargement and great encouragement concerning my own soul, sons, and the church; and as I have great comfort in you so you may conclude I shall do anything in the compass of my power for you. I think I shall leave you (after mine and my wife's death,) as much as your brother, through the blessing of god; though your two grandfathers entailed all upon my eldest son at my first marriage. When I have accomplished this bargain* I shall cancel what in Little Lever your brother made to you. I need not remove to greater places for worldly incomes, I have as much as I desire, more than I expected, and contrary to what I have deserved; let mine and others learn to trust God in the way of duty, by my example. God hath given me an agreeable wife, a pleasant habitation, a competent income, an affectionate people, health of body, and a contented mind. O who am I that he hath brought me hitherto! J [onathan] P [riestley] is my faithful, prudent friend, and compensates the loss of his father, once kind now a stranger, still a hearer and free contributor. I have learned Micah vii. 5. My humble service to Mr and Madam Taylor, whom I include in my poor devotions, and bless God for their exceeding usefulness and tenderness towards you. Do not doubt their future care of you, which will be recompensed into their own bosoms and their lovely daughter's whom I hope God will bless and well dispose of—she remembers our tantivy to Ferry Bridge. I long to come to Walling Wells once again while I live, but know not when, or how that can be. thinks I earnestly desire your return, and long to see you. I am sorry Mr Westby gives up house. Mr Isaac Bates was here last week, and tells me sad stories which afflict me. He hopes you will do something for him; if you can get him a place I think you will not be discredited by him. Give my service to Mr White; I hope the executors of Lord Wharton will make something of it in time. My poor neigh-

^{*}Purchasing a small estate in Holdsworth near Halifax.

bours Stockst are not fully paid for building Halifax chapel; they that should be active are slack and selfish, hitherto they have lived upon gift-preaching. I was there the other Lord's day, but resolve to keep at home. I think by this, my little kinsman is gone to Mr. Frankland's. I have prefixed an epistle to a piece of Mr. Frankland's against Socinians, Francis Bentley will get it printed. I am to preach a funeral sermon for little John Simpson to-morrow at Warley, every day produceth new work. Young Josiah Stansfield is gone up again to London and is in danger of losing £500 by two merchants gone off, pray enquire for him.; Money is scant, trading bad, people are breaking weekly, assessments heavy, poverty comes like an armed man; it is a wonder the country is quiet. God rules the raging sea, and the tumult of the people. Buy but six oranges and six lemons since they are so dear and send by Holmes at the White Horse in Cripplegate who comes next week, or Kershaw at the Bell in Wood Street. Be sure you mention not me, but direct what you send only to the shop of Jonathan Priestley, Junr., in Halifax. I hope Miss Archer (to whom give my service) will not forget poor Mercy and her children; I have one to pay for at our school. I am glad that you are so well employed, I leave my charges on you. Give my service to Mr. Burgess and to Mr. Vincent when you see him. We are working for a Master that gives good vales and will pay well at last. I tire you, pardon the excrescences of my love. This is all from

Your endeared father,

Ol. Heywood.

[I have not seen the original letter. J.H.T.]

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March 14 17 %

My dear child

I received yours dated March 8 upon tuesday March 11 and was greatly rejoyced with the contents of it that god hath so graciously answered prayer and brought your wife through straits, obstetricated so mercifully, and brought a

†Mr. Eliezer Heywood was in London at this time with Mr. Taylor's family.

[†]Major Stocks is the present owner of Mr. Heywood's old house at Northowram; possibly a descendant.

living perfect child into the world, a 3d O. H. the first was dead before I was born, but a gracious now glorified saint, your son was born about the time I came into the world, for I was Baptized March 15, 1629 and guesse my birth was about a week before. I was helped wednesday forenoon to pay vows, dedicate you, yours to god and hope he may bear up gods name as well as mine in the world and church, god Almighty write a law of thankfulnes on all our hearts, my sweet daughter knows something of pangs of naturall birth may she know the sharp throws of spirituall, then she's safe for Eternity, my wife and I sympathize in griefes and joys quasi pectora copulata—I blesse god we are in tollerable health, short windednes in walking is all my malady, I can study as long and preach as loud as formerly, the publick national fast will be on friday Apr. 4, my wife is too carefull of me, would have me to get some Assistance that day. I know none I can procure except you be at liberty that day, since you are an Individuum vagum, if not ingaged and can leave your wife, your help will be very acceptable, pray send me word in time whether you can come, this is a snowy morning, I confesse summer is not come, use your liberty, I hope I can shift, god assisting. I am glad you are sensible of an untoward heart, its my disease and the chief (spiritual) malady I am pestered with. I am writing a treatise of Christs Intercession, thats our cure, let's learn to improve him. My dear loue to your father and mother Rotherham, I am deeply obliged to them for their tender care of mine and their own. I am sorry Mr White is so indisposed and his Lady, we think on them, pray if you see old Mr. White give my service to him, and know the result of my letter to him which he sent to London. Thank Madam Taylor for Chokelat, but we hear nothing of it. I cannot read the name in Sheffield, but send it by Doncaster. I doubt not but you are dissettled and uneasy till you get to your own house, so I am till I get home to the rest aboue, god inable us to serue our generations according to the will of god. received a letter from your brother with yours on tuesday night, which heightened my joy that I have two sons christians, laborious ministers, tis more to me then if you were princes, my heart is comforted in you whilst

Your loving father

Ol. Heywood.

[To Eliezer Heywood on the birth of his first son Oliver.]

June 13 1701

My dear Child

I received your letter from Ponfret dated May 26-was glad of your safe arrivall at your own house, its mercy you have a centre after your various circumferences, but your best centre is above, you must pitch your Anchor beyond the vail Heb. 6. 19. when we think to settle ourselves we are nearest to dissettlement in this world, god hath already shakt out a louely branch of your new-erected family—(the first breach of mine this 40 years*) this is to train you up under the crosse (a wholsom tree) to keep you humble, watchfull, weaned from temporalls, and ingage you more to spiritualls: my friends and relations praying with me and for me is the greatest kindnesse they can doe me. tollerable circumstances my Asthmatick fits afflict me, and constant shortnes of breathing, but I am studying sound and preaching sound, the not walking nor riding sound, my last and best journey will be to the up-hill city, where I long to be but am content to tarry gods time, to do his work, o for successe! My wife is in tollerable plight blessed be god, and our neighbours in whom I have much content. Kerby Wilson was with us vesterday, wants to be tabled with us, but my wife is not willing, old Mr. Johnson was here on wednesday, wants some help to pay debts, what cause have I to admire divine providence to me and mine! and I hope divine grace-I expect your brother dayly to take a journey to us into Lanc. I have intelligence thence that John Leaver (Rich Leaver my tenants brother will sue all the purchasers of tenements in Little Leaver except Mr. Andrews, who hath agreed with him, my son John will be concerned but I have writ instructions to James Lomax, who sth he would have sent you rent, but is overseer for the poor, and lays down money-have you spoken to your brother and appointed a time for an Exercise here, Mr Waterhouse was with us at Lords Supper last Lords day we (h)ad it in the afternoon, but his voyce is below us, he left me a MS. concerning justification: Enoch Halsted is at last come from Edinburgh, I doubt not much better. Mr Noble thinks of

^{*}This remarkable circumstance also attended my Father who lost no branch of his family till my son Oliver died in March, 1782. [This note is in Mr. Samuel Heywood's writing. In the same hand, the letter is endorsed—"To his son Eliezer on the death of little Oliver."

printing his other piece upon Apocalypse—but nullus sum in propheticis et puer in dogmaticis, et nolens in polemicis, sed volens in practicis—senectute jam gravidus.† My dear child, loue god aboue all earthly injoyments and relations, give up yourself to god, maintain frequent communion with him, struggle hard with a bad heart, own grace in all aim at perfection, and god grant we may meet in glory at last, my dear loue with my wiues to you with our dear daughter, ends this trouble from

Your endeared father Ol Heywood

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A fac-simile letter to Mr. Jolly, dated June 12th, 1700 will be found at page 176 of my edition of "Nonconformist Register." The original letter is in the possession of T. Stamford Raffles, Esq., Liverpool. It reads as follows:

June 12 1700

Reverend and dear Brother

Your letter by your maid I received yesterday, am glad to hear from you but sorry for your bodily infirmitys and desire to sympathize with you, god will gradually wean us from and weary us out of the world that heaven may be more welcome, that evil which drives or that loue which draws us to god makes us meet for heaven. I am heartily sorry for that unhappy fraction amongst our friends in Craven, a sad comment upon the 3d of James—tantane ammis collestibus iræ, that with the like in some other places, bodes ill to the nation and our liberty, and if my ink, or breath, or blood would afford a plaister, I should rejoyce for they haue been and are dear to me, but what can man doe? I am very jealous that Mr. K. hath missd it various ways and he must either seriously repent and solemnly declare in a publick professed way or he cannot expect that either god or man will be reconciled to him, sin will bring shame and shaming ourselves is the best fruit of it. I purpose (if the Lord will) to write home to him, to which I have

[†]I am no adept in prophecies, a child in doctrinal discussions, and indisposed to controversy, but at home in things of a practical nature; being now burdened with old age.

some peculiar obligations. I am glad you have so far concern'd yourself in this affair and have been faithfull to him and them, and that he shows any relentings, but thats not enough, them that sin rebuke before all 1 Tim. 5 20 especially preachers and I think a time of probation of the truth of Repentance may be fit: I am troubled for his prejudices agt you and silence to your letters. I am far from palliating extenuating or excusing any ones faults, nugæ in laicis nugæ in clericis Blasphemiæ yet its frequently observed that when men begin to draw particles they oft run far back, make worse constructions of tollerable actions, aggravate things to the height, new prejudices are raised, fomented, several will bring storys out of ill intent and desire to perpetuate dissentions: I wish there had been more caution and moderation used by our Christian brethren, had they advised with some of us at first before matters came to this head and height who knows but much scandall had been prevented and yet for all this if both sides would lay aside bitterness, and quietly state their case methinks somthing might be done by the ministers of Christ at a distance, for I must confess I am not capable of reaching them or conversing personally with them, nor is it fit for them to come, but some proposals of generall terms of accommadation subscribed by 3 or 4 of us and presented to them might make an experiment how far that may goe before there be a totall rupture, for I should be sorry Dr. Stillingfleet should be a true prophet '20 years, let the dissenters alone and they will destroy themselves God's way hath its authority as much as their apocalypticall courts,' you that line nearer may have fairer oppertunity to help them and the deference they have for your person, gift, gravity, age and graces, is as likely to put an end to the matter as any I know, and I shall contribute the best assistance that lyes within my power if you or they shall signify what procedure is made therin and methinks there seemes some necessity of their reuniting, upon several considerations, but I cannot inlarge, however I must make it matter of my poor prayers that the God of all grace would humble and soften their hearts, that they may walk in the fear of the Lord, and comfort of the Holy ghost, may be edifyed-Dear Brother we have not many steps to our father's house where our soules shall unanimously sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, with

our godly friends and brethren Now at Rest where he longs to be who is

Your endeared anciently obliged brother

Ol. Heywood.

Accept this little treatise as a viand.

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[Two letters to the Rev. Thomas Jollie are printed in Mr. Slates' Life of O. Heywood, pages 431-3, and fifteen, dated from 1694 to 1701, addressed to Ralph Thoresby, Esq., of Leeds, the eminent topographer, appear, pages 433-442. See also Mr. Hunter's Thoresby's Correspondence. Two letters written by the Rev. John Heywood to Mr. Thoresby, respecting his father's Life and MSS, will be found printed by Mr. Slate, pp. 442-3.]

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Sept. 22. 99.

Honoured Madam

My humble service with my wives presented to you with many thanks to you for your kind remembrance of unworthy me with such a noble memoriall of your dear deceased husband, which lays new obligations upon me of fresh and renewed acts of gratitude, and of bearing you upon my heart to the throne of grace, for new supplys of grace in this your solitary state, yet you are not solitary as long as you have visits from your heavenly husband.—humbly thank you for your long continued kindnesse to my son, and now at last for your concernednes for his further disposall in marriage, which is a mercy I have long prayed for and now its the more welcom because it meets with your approbation, whose judgment I dare confide—most I perceive tis Mr Rotherhams daughter (of — parents I have had a good character and dare—my son in the choyce, being of age, and she residing—so worthy a person as yourself. I am pleased if—parents and you be pleased and as for terms of dowry I am satisfyed, let it be what they will, possibly I may not answer their expectations having little wealth tho I line comfortably and contentedly. I design at present to give him a mortgage of £7. 10sh. a year and at mine and my wives decease to devide betwixt my two sons, what god

hath bestowed on us which is more then I deserved and expected. I have been at considerable charges in their Education and never repented it, and still think I can never doe enough for them since god hath heard my prayers for them—of their soules, and serviceablenes to others best good.—Madam I am concerned for your louely daughter—pray for her safety in and safe deliverance—her straits, and must take leaue, resting

Your obliged servant

Ol. Heywood.

ffor his honoured friend Madam Taylor at Walling -wells in Nottingh.

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March 21. 95

Dear Cozen

Yours of feb. 29 I received the other week and thank you for letting me hear from you, my ancient kindred in Lanc are thin strown only myself is surviving of the old stock, and I perceive young ones are dropping off, I long to follow my godly Relations, were I ready and my work dispatcht off my hands I should take my flight above this wery world into the region of light but [thy will be done] is the sum of the Religion in heaven and earth, may I but glorify god while below I am content, but alas I doe little good, suffer evil, decay fast, am unfit for travel, am best at home whither I am made continue if I live hope to come once more in Lanc. to preach my dear sisters funerallsermon, and may, if the Lord will, observe your time in June, shall give you notice before-hand. I am glad to hear that my dear neice is well, and in that condition, you must make up the same number of 8 as your ancestors did under that roof, and blessed be god that that house hath religion in it and the incense of prayer and praise is dayly ascending thence heaven-wards pray give mine and my wives dear love to my cozen Esther your wife with many thanks to you both for your excellent cheese we are now eating: my son John at ponfret was not well last week I hope he's better, hath a fine son called Timothy (so called after her spiritual father Tim. Jolly) my son El. is at London, in health, I often hear

from him, great news of our wonderfull deliverance,* we are compassed with variety of mercys oh for gratitude! Dear Cozens be dayly devoting yourselves to god, praying much, walking circumspectly taking care of those under your charge that god may have glory, others profit, ourselves comfort, this is all,

from your affectionate uncle Ol. Heywood.

These
ffor his louing Cozen
James Lomax, dwelling
in Little Leaver in
Bolton parish in
Lancash.

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Apr. 29. 99

Dear and loving Cozen

Yours of March 27 I received Apr. 15 which I would have answered last saturday but necessary occasions hindered, your former letter and cheese we did receive for which we heartily thank cozen Esther which I think we gaue you notice of, but I think letters miscarry; Joshua Crompton did at last bring his rent but hereafter my son shall look after it himself, let him deal with them if they be so stiffe: As for the tree, Cozen W. Whitehead told me of it tho W. Rothwell haue nothing to doe to sell it, yet I am not willing to commence a suit with a beggar, to cast away good money after bad, but you may tell him how disingenuously and ingratefully he hath acted, and threaten him, if he commit such faults, with turning out—my son John needs not find fault with me for giving W. R. that cottage I have built another for Nich. Leaver that gives 18sh a year, I do no body wrong, but all the good I can, my son John is removed from his habitation, and I know not whether from Ponfret being unsettled I know not when he can come shortly, Mr. Taylor is dead where my son El. liues, but I think they design to come in May, I pray speak to the tenants to get Rents Ready, and let me know I will take some order if they come not, I hope cozen W. Woolstenholm is gone to Manchester, tho' I had a letter from him last week of his father's

^{*} Discovery of plot to assassinate the King, probably.

mother's illnes, ask him to write again, god is gracious to us giuing some measure of health in our little family, I am glad you are so, blessed be god, I hope my sons are healthfull O pray, pray, there hath been many secret and usefull. tears, groans poured out to god under that roof where you dwell, I earnestly desire and pray that the same spirit may continue in successours, and then you will fare as they did and doe, secret conversing with god is a driving a braue trade for heaven, a mean of obtaining a softnes of heart, actings of faith, settled assurance, by this course religion will thriue and it will render you profitable to others, you'll smell of these perfumes, and others will discern you haue been with Jesus, but if you have no heart to these dutys you. will soon fall off from them and other dutys in time but constancy herein will be evidentiall and influentiall from heaven, fruitles complaints avail not without diligent endeavours, heaven is taken by storm, industry is a token of sincerity especially if it be with delight and complacencymy dear love with my wives to you, yours ends this from

Your louing uncle
Ol. Heywood
These ffor his louing Cozen
James Lomax
in little Leaver
in

Lanc—

[A letter of Mrs Abigail Heywood, widow of the Rev. O. Heywood.]

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June 18 1702

my louing freand

will sist him in his ritings. I sent the grant shilings by Mr haywood of nuton heath that was here which I hope you had resefed els will with a litel riting then not. what you mit hafe had if my deare loue had had time my husband lefe in his will to gife you the fife pound you gife him a bond for which shal be cancled eles you may hafe it tel James Cromton to send me the rent for my son which is due for I need it I know not whedar you can raed my riting I am som times under great discourgment the good lord santifie and soport under what I meet with I beg your prayers at present I remane and gife you many thanks for my consarns and care about them

Your ant Abigaill Haywood

this

for James lomas at Litel lauer neare boulton in Lankeysheyer

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[Autograph of Eliezer the younger son of the Rev. Ol. Heywood. R. Slate.]

ffarnworth Septr 19, 1746.

Cousin Lomax

Pray pay at Michaelmas next to Adam Crompton or order the sum of two pounds seventeen shillings in full of Rent then due to

Yr affectionate kinsman E Heywood To Mrs Lomax £2. 17. 00



Last Diary.*

October, 1699.

1 | 1t day morning I put myself into gods hands by prayer, divine grace helpt me all day in praying preaching on Isai 53 10 administering the Lords supper—we were 15 at our table in the parlour at noon—many elsewhere—

2 2d day morning I sought the Lord, set upon writing Mr Richardsons life and Mr Hawdens—was hindred by Jo Robinsons coming after dinner walkt to Willm Clays Jo Learoyds Jer Baxter J Batly Mr Clifford came hindred

me, yet finisht writ to Mr Thorsby

3 3d day morning I was helped in prayer alone forenoon I spent something unprofitably searching for what book I could not find—but afternoon set upon writing in my treatise of generation with provision from 2 Pet. 1. 14.

4 4th day morning I committed myself to god made ready, my wife and I rid to Joshua Wright I baptized his daughter Martha Mr Wright prayd we dined—I preacht on Psal 118 21 prayd, god helpt we returned at 5 a clock

5th day morning I put myself into gods hands—read out Mr Hows sermon at funerall of Dr Bates, rid to John Bentlys of Wadhouse where we had a private fast for his wife, big with child, he, Sam Holdworth, Tho Hammond prayd I preacht on Psal 66 18 prayd—returned—

6 6th day morning I sought god in my poor yet upright manner—Will Clay came to me I studyed sermons—Jer Batly came, I went to visit Sarah Stocks—Jo Learoyds—writ a letter to J B Jo Craven workt for us

7 7th day morning god helpt in prayer I writ a letter to Ms frankland, fell close to my study being left alone in the house, my wife and maid gone to Halifax—when I had finisht about 3 a clock set myself to pray, one knockt at door, it was Sarah Scott in great trouble, I

^{*} This, the last of the pocket-books, is in the worst condition. It is larger than most of the others, being 6½ in. by 4 in., and has a flap and pockets. There are 49 leaves, and it has evidently lost its earliest pages.

discoursed prayd with her then they came home-I

read chap.-prayd-

1t day morning—committed myself to god went to my chappel read 2 Kin 24 expounded, prayed preached on Tit 2 12 god helpt catechized at noon Tho farrand and his wife dined with us, Mr Priestly having hurt his leg with a fall, we had a very great Assembly, god greatly helpt

2d day morning my heart was inlarged in prayer, I fell close to my study, writ a letter to Mr. Donwel, after dinner Willm Clay came, we discoursed then went to my study at 4 a clock my wife and I visited Ann North (en) I prayd discoursed with her, hea(r)d A W daughter for a h...ch [atechism.]

3d day morning having slept little that night by reason 10 of toothach I addressed myself to god in my chamber, tugged hard at it, had at last some little help-studyed hard all day, Jer Batly came discoursed with him

waited on god

4th day I committed myself to god, made ready rid to 11 John Robinsons of green-lane where we had a private fast Sam Holdworth Will Clay John Ramsden prayd I preacht on Psal 25 16 a text his wife gaue me hauing buryed 4 sons and a daughter in a year—before—god helpt in prayer returned home safe, blessed be god.

5th day morning I committed myself to god had ap-12 pointed that day for publick thanksgiving, Mr Bairstow helpt me, prayd long preacht on Isai 66 10 I prayd praised god preacht on Job 36 31 god helpt we had a collection for the poor, got 13 sh. blessed be god.

6th day morning I was helped in seeking god set my-13 self to study for sermons after I had writ some observations had no disturbance of all day but after dinner went to Susan Butler, discoursed prayd with her,

returned studyed sought god

14 7th day morning I was helped in approaches to god, studyed, Sim Robinson came after dinner, my wife and I spent some time sweetly in prayr I visited Ann Northen discoursed prayd with her my maid brought a good letter from my son Eliezer

15 1t day morning after I had committed myself to god I went to my chappel expounded 2 Kin 25 prayd preacht on Tit 2 12 catechized at noon in Wm Allens catechism Tim Bancroft and Jon Priestly had some discourse about Mr Smiths principles I interposed a little many

dined with us, 9 at table-

2d day morning I committed myself to god made ready, my wife and I rid to Westercroft where we had a private fast for John Priestlys wife big with child, Mr Bairstow, old Jonathan Priestly, his son Jon prayd I preached on Psal, 32 6 prayd god helpt it was a good day blessed be god—

3d day morning I prayd writ a letter to my Lady Hewey, was sent for to visit Anne Northen dying, prayd with her about 10 a clock she dyed about an hour after I writ meditations on Luk 2 14 for A C in afternoon

4th day morning I put myself into gods hands by prayer—went with El Tetley, Jos Ingham met us, rode to Michael Inghams to one mouthfast, visited Hanna Wright, John Smith, Abr. Ashworth, James Tetley prayd I preacht on Act 8 22 prayd, god helpt, returned.

5th day morning after seeking god in chamber, family, my wife and I walkt to the burying house then I preacht a funerall sermon for Anne Northen in my

chappel on Isai 55 6, god helpt, I studyed after.

20 6th day morning I did somewhat in my chamber, then writ a short letter, writ my halfsheet upon Luk 2. 14. for A. C, studyed, my wife and I went to John Learoyds talkt with the lads I then read in Mr flavel,

studyed.

21 7th day morning I committed myself to god writ 2 letters into Lanc. set upon my study in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer god helpt—Ant Lea came, brought me the good news of the Kings arrival—books came.

22 1t day morning I committed myself to god went to my chapel, read 1 Chron. 1 spake to it and preacht on Tit. 2 12 god helpt, had 7 at dinner, J.P. came at night, we

discoursed.

23 2d day morning after I had sought god J. Holdwel and W Northen came I discoursed with them, read controversy in Mr Baxters Cath. Theol. and Dr Manton, afternoon went to A Northens, met with Jer Baxter prizing goods, he read me a letter from his sister

24 3d day morning I sought the Lord, writ a letter to London—received one out of Westmorland and writ several things, studyed a good part of a sermon, god

helpt.

25 4th day morning I sought the Lord, after family prayer set myself to spend forenoon in secret prayer but was called down 3 times, yet god assisted me 2 hours, Tim Holt came, 1 went to Jo Learoyds after dinner, studyed, John Brearcliff, Nath Holden came towards night.

26 5th day morning I sought god John farrars man John Swift came for me with whom I rid into Warley to Westfield baptized John farrars daughter Sarah Mr Smith prayd I preacht on Psal. 118 15 prayd, dined, Mr Smith and I discoursed I returned home, John

Swift with me blessed be god

27 6th day morning I sought my dear Lord, John Learoyd came, I studyed in forenoon, after dinner went to Willm Clays, found Willm fenton of Pudsey at home, then Jonathan Priestly sen. came, I discoursed with them, Jer Batly came, I returned to my study, sought god.

7th day morning I was helped in prayer, a letter came from W Whitehead of his health, Ch Hughs came barbed me, some little I did at my study, afternoon my wife was kneeled down somebody knocks at door, it was A Naylors maid, then came Martha Butterworth to whom I gave 45sh 6d I had got for her, prayd with her,

discoursed.

29 It day morning having committed my soul to god I went to my chappel read 1 Chron. 2. spoke to it prayed, preached upon Pro. 8 36 catichized, gaue some catichisms—found help at night, J Priestley sen and jun, Ant Lea came—read Mr Smiths letter to me—we dis-

coursed upon—they found no fault in it—

2d day morning after secret and family prayer came
Daniel Gill to ask my advice about a suit betwixt Abr
Milner and John Nolson and Tho Whitly—the matter
is referred to him—Hanna Crowther came about being
Baptized—I discoursed with them, searcht papers—
went to Wm Clays, Jo Learoyds, had much upon my
hands—sought god—

31 3d day morning having sought god I writ a letter to my son El. Charles Hughs was with us working—after

dinner I went to Susan Butlers, discoursed with Nathaniel Dawson her grandson, Jo Priestley came brought me the Mercury—we discourst of Mr Smiths letter—

Aobember, 1699.

1 | 4th day morning I sought my dear Lord, set myself to study—John Halstead came, then Nathaniel Dawson from Judith Butlers, came a londoner with whom I discoursed—studyed part of a sermon in the afternoon, sought god—

2 5th day morning I had mercy, studyed in forenoon, Willm Clay came, discoursed, after dinner I had appointed persons to come for catichisms—distributed about 12—Edmund Paulard came, discoursed with me

- 3 6th day morning after seeking god I studyed, after dinner went to John Learoyds, talked with Mary Hall, went again to my study, was called down to Nathanael Booth, my wife was gone to Jer Baxters, I went after her to visit Susan; being ill, went to school, heard lads say lessons John Clay declaim of Aurum preciosum, came back, John Sonier came, I discourst with him—
- 4 7th day morning I found some assistance in prayers—Arthur Hey came—others at noon, Mr Oates of Chickenly after dinner, Hanna Crowther Jeremiah Stocks whom I catichized, I writ a letter into Westmorland—my wife and I were sweetly helped in prayer together—
- 5 I day morning I put myself into gods hands—went to my chappel read 1 Chron 3, prayd preacht on Pro 8 36. I baptized Lidia daughter of Nat Booth, sent away 3 letters
- 2d day morning god helped in prayer—W Northen came for me I rid to Bank-top, we had a private fast at John Soniers at Horly green, he, Isaac Longbothom, James Greaues prayd, I preacht on Ps 106 15, prayd, returned, Mr Westby his man Tho Woolstenholme, my son John came to us that night, I prayd in the family, we discoursed.
- 7 3d day morning I sought god, my son prayd in the family, went away, I studyed. Mtris Hough came from Halifax, dined with us, stayed 3 or 4 hours, we

discoursed, Samuel Holdworth came with a troublesome case, we discoursed, I lent him 10sh.—sought god—

8 4th day morning I sought god—my son John and I spent some time in prayer sweetly, god helpt in forenoon, in afternoon Jon Priestley came—John Bury, Jer Batly, Arthur Hey, we discoursed, dined—

9 5th day morning I got up prayd, studyed, chimney sweeper came, Martha Butterworth, Mr John Crowther, Daniel Gill for assessmt, I went to Willm Clays, John

Learoyds, studyed, prayd, blessed be god-

10 6th day morning I prayd in my poor measure in my chamber, family—set myself to study on another text—studyed all day—Charles Hughs came, trim'd me, was

at home all day

11 7th day morning I sought the Lord—set to my study—had help—in forenoon came Thomas Scott, in afternoon Martha Gill with whom I discoursed, Mary Bently, my wife and I spent some time in prayer very sweetly—

blessed be god-

12 It day morning I committed my soul, work, to god, went to my chappel, expanded passages in 1 Chron 4, prayd—preached—chatichized—insisted on pro 8 36—god helpt—we were 10 at dinner two of Mr Josiah Holdsworths sons—that came the night before—lodged at Jer Baxters—

2d day morning I sought god—writ a letter to Leeds, rid to John Bentlys of Wadhouse where we had a day of thanksgiving for his wife. I baptized his daughter Hanna, John Hansons daughter Anna, Jo Bently James Oates prayd, I preacht on psal 118 15 prayd discoursed

-returned, blessed be god-

14 | 3d day morning I sought the Lord, studyed in forenoon Mr Dawson and old Jon Priestly came to visit me—I writ a letter to Norwich for Eliezer Dawson, Mr Dawson came back from Damhead—dined with us—somthing I did in my study but little, sought god—it was a mighty wind—

4th day morning I put myself into gods hands, made ready my wife and I rid to young Jonathan Priestlys at Wintridge to our monthly fast, he, Mr Wright, old Jon Priestly prayd I preacht on Psal 94 11, we discoursed, returned home, it was a good day, blessed be god—

5th day morning I sought god stayd home all day, studyed, W. Clay came after dinner, we discoursed, I returned to my study, prayd, at night read in Mr Flavil

17 6th day after seeking god I writ a large letter to Sam Ellison—studyed after dinner, went with my wife to Tho Bentlys, John Hartlys, Drakes, prayd there, Will Clays returned home Robt Clayton mended barn door—I sought the Lord—

18 7th day morning after seeking god I set myself to study, but was called down to Abr Ashworth—John Bury—Mary Brooksbank came, stayd dinner—stayd long when she was gone my wife and I spent some time in prayer

god helpt-I studyed after-

19 It day morning I sought god—went to my chappel, read, expounded 1 Chron 5, preacht on Pro 8 26, catichized—finisht that text—found help—blessed be god—

20 2d day morning having put myself into gods hands I studyed, John Butterworths daughter brought the sad tidings of the death of her father at Edenborough in Scotland of a feaver, altered my studys, I went to Willm Clays; Isaac Balm, Thomas Hodgson came to desire me to goe to Horton, old Jon Priestly came—I sought god—

21 3d day morning I set upon my work of studying funeral sermon after seeking god, called off by Jo Holdworth,* after dinner Willm Clay came—I discoursed with him, catichized a boy, studyed, Joshua Stocks covered† our barn, meeting place—I writ two letters to York—had

mercy in the evening-

22 4th day morning I committed myself to god, Robt Scolfield came for me with whom I went into Warly, called at Stephen Halls, preacht a funerall sermon for John Butterworth on — 13 23, text he left—tho he dyed in Scotland I went to his wives—had company returned home—

23 5th day morning having sought god I set to my study, stayd at home all day, Mr. Jer Batley came I payd him 30 sh for teaching 8 schollars a quarter, went to my

study—sought god--

^{*}Holdsworth—the place name and family name—is still called Holdworth by old people.

†with moss, probably.

- 24 6th day morning my soul was helped in prayer—I studyed some &c 12 aclock I went to my chappel, read expounded 2 chron 30—prayd preacht on Isai 53 10—god helpt—Jon Priestlys, Ant Lea came in, we discoursed, John Cook James Greaue came on a weighty business to get them somthing for the meeting at Halifax—
- 25 7th day after seeking my dear Lord I writ 3 letters into Lanc—studyed afternoon, my wife and I spent some time comfortably in prayer and after my reading my chapters setting myself to meditate I was called down to William Taylor (?) I went up again—then was called down to Thos ferrand—yet got a little text after supper and family prayer—blessed be god for help—
- 26 It day morning I put myself into gods hands, went to my chappel, read Mat 1, prayd, preached on Isai 53 10, administered the Lords Supper, had many at dinner, was helpt, it was a rainy morning few came—
- 27 2d day morning having sought god I spent time unprofitably, reading in severall books, could not fasten to study, after dinner Willm Clay Jeremiah Baxter came—some little I did after—sought god.
- 28 3d day morning I sought my dear Lord was helped—then writ a letter to Mr Ed Hartly, fell close to my study—Lydia Booth workt with our maid—brewing—
- 4th day morning after praying in my chamber came Jeremiah Baxter, told me Mr Robt Ledgard my good friend near Leeds was dead, immediately came John Priestly told me Joan Baggerly of Halifax one of my communicants was dead, I kept close all day being snowy, received a letter from Mr Tim Jollie, my horse was sick, men gave him som.....
- 5th day morning having sought god I writ a letter to cozen Nath Grigge by Thomas Grime whom he sent with 2 cheeses to my wife—for which she was troubled at him, I studyed—after dinner we had the conference of young men at W Clays about conversion—it was sweet—

December, 1699.

1 6th day morning I put myself into gods hands—John Priestly called of me with whom I rid to Halifax in danger by slipperines of the way, my horse slippery shod—waited the funeral of Joanna Baggely, preacht a funerall sermon at the chappel on Mat 2 10—receiued a letter from my son El, returned safe, blessed be god—hauing got my horse removed—

2 7th day morning I sought the Lord, set upon the studying on a new text, studied hard, Joshua Stocks 2 lads came to be catichized—my wife and I spent some time together in prayer—at night god helped my heart in

seeking god-

3 It day morning I committed myself to god—went to my chappel—read 1 Chron 6, prayd, preached on Tit 2 12—catichized—it was a stormy day—yet had considerable

number, we were 8 at dinner-

4 2d day morning I sought the Lord, Michael Rushworth came to give my horse a drink, Jo Craven, I writ down severall observations—after dinner Willm Clay came—I writ a letter to my son El—prayd, god graciously

inlarged-

5 3d day morning I sought god—and understanding by my son Els letter that he his brother with Mr Tim Jollie were to keep a private fast this day at Mr Rotheram of Dranfield about my son El marrying his daughter I resolued to spend part of the day alone at that work—was much helped about 7 a clock, after breakfast family prayers, then read Ezek 18 prayd for reformation—church affairs at home, abroad, continued till 12—sometimes inlarged—after dinner Mr Oates man, Jer Batly, Jo Priestly sen, came to visit me—discoursed—

4th day morning having sought god I set to my work of writing on 1 Cor 15 19 continued therein till noon, after din [n] er came old Jonathan Priestly and his son Jona-

than to talk with me-

7 | 5th day morning after seeking god—family work—I set to my writing—continued hard at it all forenoon, after dinner walkt to Willm Clays John Learoyds—returned fell to my work again of writing

8 | 6th day morning and evening I sought god in some sincerity, studyed all day for sermon, Michael Rushworth

came in the morning

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9 7th day morning hauing sought the Lord in my chamber I set upon my study Mr Kirby came with a letter testimoniall from Mr Thorp I subscribed it, writ a letter for him to Mr White, my wife and I spent some time in prayer, afternoon Jo Bury came, I was helped alone in seeking god—

1t day morning after I had committed myself to god in my chamber, family, I went to my chappel, read, reflected on 1 Chron 7 prayd, preached on Tit 2 12 liuing godly—god helpt—we were 10 at dinner, my quarterage brought in was 3li 17sh 6d—its welcom— Jon Priestlys sen, jun, Ant Lea came at night, read Mr

Smiths long paper—sent the day before—

2d day morning having humbled my soul before god, and sought him for the church, I writ two letters to Leeds to Mr Thorsby Ms Ledgard most of forenoon—afternoon Jo Ascoughs lad came to be catichized—Betty Kirk came—

3day morning I was helpt in prayer, set about writing but was disturbed by Tim Holts coming John Holdworth, John Learoyd upon business, Jer Batly Sarah Spencer dined with us, at dinner comes my son Eliezer, we discoursed, spent some time at prayer together that afternoon sweetly, blessed be god—I writ a letter to Mr White—

4th day morning I sent my son away with prayer—Mr Wrights man Christopher Tatersall came for me with whom I rid to a private fast, himself Mr Bairstow, Jon Priestly jun prayd—I preacht on Pro 3 5, prayd with some difficulty—coughing by smoky room, returned with Mr Bairstow.

5th day morning having sought god I writ in my Treatise—studyed, they came twice to desire me to preach a funeral sermon for Paul Greenwood, my wife was unwilling, I went to John Learoyds, we sealed Mary Halls deed of gift I prayd with her—sought god—Willm Clay came.

15 6th day morning after I had sought the Lord I set myself to study a funeral sermon, continued, Jer Baxter came brought me two letters from Leeds-one from Mr Thorsby another from Mr Dawson acquainting me with affliction of his son Eli, desires prayers, Jo Hargreaue

Jer Batly, Willm fenton came-

7th day morning I set myself to pray, study, Joshua 16 Stansfield of Horton came, I discoursed with himstudyed-Susan went to the funeral of Paul Greenwood, Dorothy Gummersall came I prayd with her-my wife and I spent some time in prayer—I was helped—

It day morning I was helped went to my chappel, read 17 Job 7-prayd, preached all day funerall discourses for Paul Greenwood upon Rev. 16. 15 god helpt, had severall of them at dinner and Mtris (sic) Dawson his

wife, her brothers, came to me at night—

2d day morning after seeking god I set upon my writing 18 work. George Bothomlys wife came in much trouble by debt her husbands trusting, desired me to write a letter to J Stancliff at London wch I did Jo Craven workt my horse brak the sled I got Jo Learoyds cart to lead muck, Jer Baxter came—I writ to Leeds.

3d day morning having sought god I set upon my 19 writing work, plyed it close all the day—was not called down-had no disturbance but ordering my letters god

helpt at night

4th day morning I was helpt in my chamber, Jer Baxter 20 came, my wife and I rid to Westercroft I baptized John Bentlys son Nathanael, we kept a day of thanksgiuingold Jonathan, Mr Nat Priestly prayd I preacht on Psal 139 14 prayd, discoursed, found mercy, returnedblessed be god-

5th day morning after seeking god I set myself to write 21 in my book, after dinner went to Will Clays, Jo Learoyds, discoursed with Mary Hall, Mr John Brooksbank called of me-sate with me-we discoursed of severall things-I got not to my god so as sometimes

after tugging-Lord humble me.

6th day morning I sought my Lord, studyed for Lords day-at noon Willm Northen came to me-brought a 22 letter from Rich Boys for me to read, my new tenant George Ramsden brought his rent for the farm in Ovenden-I discoursed with him-Charles Hughs trim'd me

7th day morning I committed myself to god, studyed in 23 | forenoon, at noon John Butterworth, Mr Josiah Oates, Timothy Bancroft, Mary Brooksbank came with whom I went to prayer, then writ a letter to Mtris Lambert, received a letter from Mr Parkhurst of my book printing, another from Willm Woolstenholm.

1t day morning having put myself into the hands of 24 god I went to my chappel, read Chron. 6 prayd, preached all day upon Joh 11 14 catichized god graciously helped had severall at dinner, Ant Taylor, Tim Bancroft, Ant Lea, James Tetley, his wife &c, I found mercy at gods hands

25 2d day morning after I had performed my chamber exercises and fallen to my study I was called down 4 or 5 times, John Holdworth, Joseph Wilkinson, Stephen Halls wife, Martha Butterworth—besides severall that came a begging the I still returned to my study-Thomas Gill, Phœbe farrar came in the evening

26 3d day morning having waited on god in my chamber, I writ in the forenoon, at noon Abrah Broadly, Elkanah Bury dined with us, Will Clay came, Elizabeth Sonier came to discourse with me in soul-cases, I went to my

study.

27 4th day morning I committed myself to god, John Smith called of me with whom I went to Mountain. where we had a private fast for Joseph Wilkinsons wife big with child, himself Joshua Sonier John Bently prayd I preacht on Gen 22 14, prayd discoursed, returned home, Jo Smith brother came.

5th day morning I had some help, studyed all forenoon. 28 after dinner was sent for to the young mens conference at Willm Clays, went, we spake to this qu-What are the lets, hindrances of conversion, god helpt to speak

profitably I returned to my study.

6th day morning after my seeking god I set myself to 29 my study-god helpt me in the forenoon-at noon came a woman with 3 children to say catich—I heard one almost all, gaue him a bible John Hewet, at night more came I harkened them-

7th day morning I sought god-then writ my Epistle 30 out to my Treatise for Lanc-after dinner went to Mary Hall, discoursed, prayed with her-Rich Bently came, my wife and I spent some time in prayer sweetly

—blessed be god—

31 1t day morning I put myself into gods hands, went to my chappel, read 1 Chron 9, prayed, preacht on Joh 15 14 god helpt. J. P. left me Mr Smiths MS, took Dr Conant Troughton.

January, 1700.

2d day morning I writ a letter to my son John after seeking of god—at noon went to my chappel, prayd, preacht a sermon on Mark 9 50 to a full assembly, Paul Greenwoods wife came after, discoursed with her.

2 3d day morning having sought god I writ a letter to London to Mtris Archer for M Woodhead, read, corrected my Treatise for Lanc. went to Will Clays, in afternoon read Mr Smiths papers, 150 of my books came to my hands from London, my son El came to us upon busines, I writ, sent a book to Lady Hewly in York—

4th day morning I sought the Lord, my son El prayd in the family, Jonathan Priestly came, we sent for Mr Wood who made a diseazance of my land in Sowerby to my son El. I subscribed, sealed it, 2 witnesses, they dined with us, my son went away. I studyed, dealt books I had received, paid 6d 2s for carriage, received

55sh for Holdworth rent, studyed—

4 5th day morning having committed myself to god I read Mr Smiths letters, noted them in forenoon—studyed after dinner, went to John Learoyds, discoursed, prayd with Mary Hall, gaue them my books, Susan Butler prayd with her, gave her, Mary Stocks books, Jon Priestly sen came, we discoursed—I sought god.

5 6th day morning I committed myself to god, made ready, John Learoyd and Elkanah Bury accompanyed me to John Burys where we had a private fast for his son going to Mr Jollie, Dr Hall, Mr Bairstow, John Dickson prayd, I preacht on 2 Sam 15 20, prayd, we discoursed

I returned home—blessed be god.

7th day morning I put myself into god's hands, set my self to study—writ to Mr Brooksbank—sent 7 Books to Halifax, had company, came Sam Drake, Sam Holdworth, Jon Priestly sen—yet my wife and I spent time

together in prayer in the afternoon I studyed in the

evening-

1t day morning I was a little helpt in prayer—went to chappel—preacht on Job 15 14 prayd—expounded 1 Chron 10—dined 11. Henry Rigge a schoolmaster came I gaue him 6d, gaue 10 Bookes to friends—

8 2d day morning I committed myself to god forenoon, studyed after dinner, my wife and I walkt to Tho Bentlys Jer Baxters Ab Whitwams, Joshua Stocks, gaue them Books, called at Willm Clays, I prayd with Mary Hall, writ 3 letters with 4 Books to Leeds—god helpt in prayer-

9 3d day morning I was helped in prayer, studyed, John Learoyd came, gaue me a text for funeral sermon for his aunt Mary Hall that dyed the night before, Mr Jer Bairstow came in afternoon, sate, discoursed, I gaue

him—others—Books—studyed.

4th day morning having sought god I set upon studying 10 a funerall sermon, John Learovd came, afternoon Mary Priestly came brought me Holdworth rent, we discoursed

-I sought god in my poor measure-

5th day morning I studyed, after dutys went to John 11 Learoyds, had drinking for funerall of Mary Hall, I preacht her funerall sermon on Psal 3 15-two Jon

Priestlys stayd—discoursed—

6th day morning hauing met with god I set to my study, 12 kept close in the forenoon, after dinner Sam Appleyards wife sent their man to me to desire me to come thither to Sinderhills to pray for a child—I rode down—discoursed, prayd, Mr Ellison came, prayd, gaue me a letter from cozen Rebecca Angier at Toxtoth park—I called at old Jon Priestly at Westercroft, returned home -studyed-

13 7th day morning having sought god I studyed—writ 2 letters into Lanc.—sent 12 Books, John Bury, Grace Ramsden, Will Clay came—yet my wife and I redeemed some time to pray together, god greatly helped her

heart and mine—I studyed

1t day morning having sought the Lord I went to my 14 chappel, prayd, read 1 Chron 11, preacht on Job 15 10 -god helpt, catichized two children-found mercy, it was a very windy day

15 | 2d day morning I sought my god set to my work, studyed hard for a sermon for home on friday-2 lads came to say catich. I had some help in the morning.

3d day morning I was helped in prayer, set to my 16 study—was puzzled to find a text for next day—Jer Batly our schoolmaster dined with us, John Holdworth went with my horse to smithy-I puzzled about the foregoing year-

4th day morning I put myself into gods hands, John 17 Lumme came for me I rode with him into Warly, it was a windy rainy day, I prayd, preacht in the chappel on Luk 14 18 god helpt dined at Stephen Halls, returned safe home, blessed be god.

5th day morning after secret and family prayer I set 18 myself to take a view of my Diary and though it was tedious yet it was in some sort sweet to view the gracious

providences of god concerning me all this year.

19 6th day morning I put myself into gods hands, studyed forenoon—at noon went to my chappel, it was a very snowy day, few came, I preacht on Isai 53 10-Mr Ask. Mr Sonier, another from Bramham came - I discoursed with them-Mr Wright was there-Ch Hughs trimd

7th day morning having sought god in my closet Mr 20 John Ask came to family prayer for whom I writ a letter to Lady Hewley. Is Wood came to be catichized, my wife and I spent some time in prayer-I writ a

letter to Madam Lambert-

It day morning I put myself into gods hands, prayd, 21 preacht on Isai 53 10, administered the Lords supper, preacht in the afternoon, finisht that subject-about 20

dined with us

22 2d day morning I sought my dear Lord, then set myself to read in Mr Charnocks great folio, spent forenoon in it-after dinner walkt to Will Clays, John Learoyds, discoursed with Hanna Scolfield, Ms ffournesse maid, sent her a book, catichized Boocock lasse, studyed part of a sermon, was helpt in prayer-

3d day morning after chamber-work, family duty, I set 23 myself to spend forenoon in secret prayer, read some psalmes, chapters, was 4 times on my knees-god helpt near 4 houres, dined, in afternoon came old Jonathan

Priestly we sat together, discoursed of severall things—

I studyed, went to prayer—

4th day morning I sought and found my Lord in some degree—after breakfast Jer Baxter came brought me a louing letter from Ms Spencer of Leeds told me my son Eliezer was marryed thursday last Jan 18—I set myself to study, god helpt—John Craven came, fetcht corn—

5th day morning having sought the Lord I writ a letter to Mr Jollie at Addercliff, Elkana Bury came for it, by whom I sent a book to him, 2 young men came to conference—I studyed, god helpt, I had some mercy.

26 6th day morning I got up early, read my chapter, sought god in chamber, family—went to my study, writ a large letter to Mr Donnell at London. J Baxter came for 3t (?) told me of the death of Sam Nickol John Hemingway—Jo Sharpe workt for us—I studyed at night, read chapters, went into my study to seek god, my wife called me down to Mr Isaac Bates who stayd

all night with us—prayd in the family—

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7th day morning I was quickened in seeking god, then set myself to write 3 letters into Lancashire, sent books to Manchester after I had sent away Mr Bates with prayer—in the afternoon my wife and I were helped in prayer together in my chamber. S Tillotson brought me a letter from my son John, Sam Holdworth came, sate, discoursed in the evening.

28 It day morning I put myself into gods hands, went to my chappel, read 1 Chron 12, spake to it, prayd and preached on Joh 9 25 a text given me by E. S., god helpt me forenoon and after—catichizing—blessed be

god—it was an experimentall subject—

29 2d day morning I committed myself to god and read something in Mr Charnocks, John Priestly and his brother Jonathan called on me, I rode with them to Halifax to attend the funerall of Samuel Nickol—they went to church, the vicar preacht on Psal 51 1, I went in to Isaac Longbothoms, prayd, discoursed with him, we had a sumptuous dinner at the Crosse, I sate with Mr Priestly Mr Wright Mr Bairstow at John Cooks at length came home betwixt 5 and 6 aclock, John Priestly with me—

30 | 3d day morning I was melted something in heart, forenoon read in Mr Charnock, after dinner Willm Clay and old Jon Priestly came, we discoursed—my tenant John Bothomley came with his rent—I writ a letter to York, waited on my god in duty—

31 4th day morning having sought the Lord I fell to my study, was helpt something in the fornoon, after dinner my wife and I walked to John Learoyds—so fell to my

study and read the monthly mercury-

February, 16 700

1 5th day morning my heart was carried out to god—forenoon I studyed hard—after dinner Jer Batly came—then I went to Willm Clays to the conference of our young men, Nathan Tilson prayd, we spoke to the question What may and must a sinner doe towards his own conversion—then sung a psalm—I prayd—concluded—

2 6th day morning I rose in some measure of health tho both I and my wife had a sore night of coughing, I went to my chamber after reading my chapters, was helped in seeking god—followed my study close all day,

found assistance—blessed be god—

7th day morning I committed myself to god, writ a letter to Judith Higson—at noon Joshua Crompton came, brought 2 letters out of Lanc.—my son Johns rent—Charles Hughs came trimd me, John Bury brought me a letter from Mr Jollie, my maid brought me 2 letters from Halifax, one from Mtris Archer of London—I read it to Mary Northen &c, my wife and I were sweetly helped in prayer—

4 It day morning I committed myself to god, went to my chappel, expounded 1 Chron 13 prayd, preacht on Joh 9 25 catichized—dined severall, some came in at night—

23 cathemzed—three severall, some assistance, fell to my study—writ part of a treatise—Mr Brook (Mr Jollys scholler) came, dined with us, Mr Priestly, James Brooksbank came told me sad things of Joseph Hirderoyd in prison—

6 3d day morning I sought god—studyed, writ in my Treatise, Willm Clay came at noon, I writ a letter to

my son John, received one from my son El-another from cozen Angier god helpt—had some mercy—

7 4th day I sought god—writ diligently my treatise—received a letter from Mr Donnel of London—John Hanson came—sent Robert Walker a book, Mary Woodhead.

8 5th day morning I met with god, after family duty set upon writing, rectifying my last will and testament, it cost me most of that day except taken off by John Bury—writing a gracious return of prayer for my son Eliezer

9 6th day morning I sought god after a weary night.
Jonadab Benton came to mend glasse, Willm Clay, Mr
Baxter came—I was indisposed till towards evening

when better.

7th day morning I sought the Lord, was helpt, writ a letter to Mr Brooksbank—studyed, Martha Bins came with a lad to say catichism, god helped my wife and me in praying together Nathan Halsted came with two lads to say Cati.—Joseph Learoyd to say his psalmes—I gaue bibles—

11 It day morning I was helped in prayer, made ready, went to my chappel, read I Chron 14, prayd preached on John 4 25 god greatly helped tho I was exceeding short winded, blessed be god, were 7 at dinner, 2 Jon

Priestlys came in at night—

2d day morning I was helped in prayer, fell to my work of writing in my book, god helpt, at noon my son John came—dined then he and I spent some time together in prayer sweetly, blessed be god—Willm Northen came upon busines

13 3d day morning I went into my chamber after my son had left it, sought god, writ a letter to Mr White, another to my son El—Jon Priestly came, we discoursed afternoon studyed a little, writ a letter to J Wright

about a weighty matter—another to London—

4th day morning I set my soul to seek god and he was with me—Joseph Wright and his brother Jonath. came, discourse with me about a weighty busines in my chamber. Tim Holt came—I writ in my book of change of sight—prayd in the evening.

15 | 5th day morning I committed myself to god and was to have gone to Mr Priestlys in Ovenden to keep a day of

thanksgiving and baptize his child, old Jonathan, his son Jonathan called on me but being indisposed I durst not goe but lent John my horse, stayd at home, writ in

my book, prayd, studyed—was troubled—

6th day morning I was helped a little in prayer, fell to 16 my study, found my notes which I had lost, at noon Benjamin Butterworth came, then old Jonathan Priestly, Susan Baxter to visit me-some little help I found in my study-seeking god-

7th day morning I met with god, Joshua firth Dr Halls 17 granson came to view my weak body, writ papers of prescriptions—Mr Benj Denton came, sate with, I writ to Robt Miln, sent money to him to Mr Brooksbank-Martha Sunderland came-Samuel Holdsworth, I had too much company, yet my wife and I spent about an

hour in prayer-

1t day morning having committed myself to god Joshua 18 Stansfield and his wife came -I prayd in my chappelpreacht on Joh 15 14 god helpt, but had much adoe to walk to chappel and home my wind crt but blessed be god that help-in my work-

2d day morning I sought the Lord—severall neighbours 19 came to see me, Jer Baxter John Hartly Mary Northen Willm Clay-I writ my Book, writ a letter to Leeds to Mr Thorsby—had help in the evening—my son John

and daughter came that night-

3d day morning I sought god in the parlour, my son 20 John in the family, in the forenoon my son and I spent about 2 hours in prayer in my chamber affectionatelyafter dinner walkt to Willm Clays John Learoyds, read Mr Whitakers funerall sermon for Mr Sharp, discoursed, J Priestly called told us of the childs death-I should have baptized thursday before-my son Eli and his wife and Mr Rotherhams man came

4th day morning my son John intended to goe away-I 21 went to prayer alone, in the family, but it proved a very snowy day they stayd only we sent Mr Rotherhams man away in afternoon-my two sons and I spent some time in prayer in the afternoon betwixt one and four

aclock very sweetly blessed be our good god-

5th day morning I sought god in my wives parlour, 22 Joseph Wilkinson came to me to desire me to baptize his child being not well, I went to prayer in the family. then did baptize his daughter Sarah, Willm Clay and my sons and their wives being present—then sent my son John and his wife home—my son El. went to the funerall of Mr Priestlys unbaptized child, I staid at home—attempted to study but did little, yet prayd

23 | forme—attempted to study but did little, yet prayd
6th day morning I was a little helpt but was very dull
all day—had a pain in my breast yet prayd, John
Armitage came at noon, old Jonathan Priestly and his
son in afternoon—I was heartles yet sought my dear
Lord—

7th day morning I was helped a little tho I had a sleepless night—my son rode to Joshua Wrights to get Mr Wright to goe to Barnsly, but prevailed not—my son rid to Halifax, Mr Jos Oates Nathan Bates old Jonathan Priestly visited, my son and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber sweetly, blessed be god.

25 It day morning I went to prayer in my chamber, family, severall came to visit me, my son Eliezer begun with prayer, reading 2 psalmes, 2 chapters, prayd preached on Joh 3 16 of Cht being the son of god, many came in at night—Josiah Stansfield his brothers and many more—God helpt my son—

26 2d day morning after I had committed myself to god my son—daughter—my wife and I rode to Jonathan Priestlys of Wintridge—with some friends dined there, discoursed—called of Mr Hield, came back about 5 a clock—had mercy—

3d day morning I was helped in prayer, my son El was

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to goe to the funerall of Robt Bagguly, Jonathan Priestly called of him, I went to my study, towards noon Samuel Bradly and his wife Debora visited me, dined with us, Willm Clay—I studyed—sought god—
4th day morning I sought god, my son, daughter and I rode to Hipperholm where we had our monthly fast at Joshua Wrights, himself, my son El. Mr Wright prayd, I preacht on 1 Pet 3 13 prayed—it was a good day—

the scandalls raised upon him—so returned home— 5th day morning after my chamber devotion my son went to prayer in the family—Tim Holt came to attend my son and daughter to Sowerby, I studyed hard all

afterwards we read papers for clearing Mr Wright of

day-Grace Ramsden came, I put myself into gods hands at night.

March. 1699. 1700.

6th day morning I sought the Lord, studyed hard all day—only after dinner my wife and I visited Sarah Learoyd—not well—returned to my work, god sweetly assisted in prayer-

7th day morning after seeking god I writ 2 letters into Lanc. studyed—sent John Holdworth to the smithy with my horse, John Bury came, my son and I spent some time sweetly in prayer in my chamber—god helpt blessed be god.

1t day morning I was helped in prayer, sent my son 3 and daughter to Horton, went to my chappel, read 1 Chron 16, prayd,* preacht on Tit 2 13 god helpt all day

Mr Wright, Jon Priestly came in

2d day morning I sought the Lord, writ a large letter 4 to Mr Dawson, studyed, Jer Batly dined with us, I paid him quartarage, in afternoon I writ in my Book-writ a letter to my son John, my son Eliezer and daughter came home about 5 aclock.

3d day morning we rose, my son El had had a bad 5 night-of coldnes, sweating, yet at last he got up and would be gone, Jo Learoyd, his wife, Willm Clay came to take leave of them, I sent them away with John Craven with prayer, set myself to study—writ in my book was somthing helped in prayer towards evening-

4th day morning I sought god in my chamber, family, after 9 intended to spend that forenoon in prayer, did begin, was drouzy, but when quickened I was called to catichize children twice-Mr Jos Dawson jun dined with us, Jer Baxter came, Mtris Donne called, I was something helped towards evening-

5th day morning hauing sought god I set upon my writing in my book—I catichized 10 children, gaue bibles—then came Ant Lea, James Brooksbank, his wife, John Bently &c, as they came from the funerall of Jer Brooksbanks daughter. Sam Holdworths maid came

in troubles of conscience.

^{*}It will be noticed that singing is seldom mentioned.—J.H.T.

8 | 6th day morning I was doubtfull how to order my thoughts for Lords day work, committed matters to god, he satisfyed me, I set upon studys, god graciously helpt all day only my wife and I went to Willm Clays John Learoyds after dinner, at night god helpt

9 7th day morning came John Hey to me, we discoursed—I sought god—writ 3 letters, John Sharp, John Craven workt for us in the afternoon, my wife and I went to prayer together, Jon Priestly came, we discoursed I

received a letter from London.

10 It day morning I committed myself into gods hands, went to my chappel read 1 Chron 17, prayd, preacht on Tit 2 13 god helpt, it was my quarter-day not 4li giuen—its welcome—J.P., his son, A Lea stayd discoursed—

11 2d day morning after seeking god I set upon writing in my book—writ hard till noon, then went to visit Susan Butler, discoursed prayd with her, Mr Nath Priestly and his father came, sate, discoursed, he had my horse

to Horton, brought him-

12 3d day morning I found some trials in studying, after dinner I took horse and rid down to Blakehill John Learoyd with me, visited Jonathan Stot in a frame discoursed with him, prayd with, returned, James Cordingly visited me, Hanna Stephenson, I was a little hindrd in

prayer-

13 4th day morning after closet and family prayer I set myself to spend that forenoon in seeking god in my chamber, I begun 9 o clock with reading ps 104 then confessed the sins of my whole life, pleaded with god till 10 then rose up, read 139 ps was affected in reading it, fell on my knees, pleaded for my wife, sons, relations, then begun about 11 read Isai 5 begun for Zion but was called down to J. B., returned, was a little assisted till 12; I stayd at home all afternoon, studyed, prayd

5th day morning god did help me in praying I set my self to study, was busy all forencon after dinner my wife and I walkt to Willm Clays John Learoyds; I finisht my text, read in book, I had work in my family—

6th day, being the day whereon I was baptized 70 years

before god did help me seriously to reflect upon, seek him by prayer, then went to my chappel preacht my preparation sermon on Isai 53 10 god helpt, several

friends stayd Mtris Craven spake to me about sitting down and afterwards I made some reflections on my

Baptism

7th day morning after seeking, Sam Holdworth came, brought me a letter from Dr Coulton I writ one to Mr Gowland at London, afternoon my wife and I prayd, I had to bless god of prayer,—Tim Bently came about a matter of business

17 It day morning after I had sought god in chamber, family, several strangers came, I went to my chappel, prayd, preacht on Isai 50 10 god helpt, administerd the Lords supper, dined many, Mr Wright preacht in after-

noon on 2 Tim 2 I was done-

2d day morning I sought god, Willm Clay came, we discoursed I came to my study writ reflections on last verse, after dinner studyed part of a sermon; writ by Susan to Jo Priestly

3d day morning after seeking god I studyed part of a sermon Samuel Gill came towards night and he having come to invite me to the funerall of his uncle Jonathan

disturbed me at prayer-

4th day morning having sought the Lord J Becks came, told me of Mr Ralph Spencers illnes, desired prayer, I went to my study, studyed, after dinner took John Craven (working for us) with me, to Blakehill, visited Sarah Scot (whose husband lay dead in the house) I discourst, prayd with her, returned, received a letter from brother Hetton by Ab Bolton, writ—

21 5th day morning I sought god, writ a letter to my son John, Mts Elstons man came to me upon a weighty business, Mary Butterworth brought me a letter, I went to Willm Clays to conference we waived it because only 2 came then old Jon Priestly came, we discoursed

22 6th day morning after seeking god I set myself to study on Psa 25 7 god helpt me all day with matter, only after dinner went to John Learoyds, John Northens, discoursed about soul affairs—catichized 11 and returned

to my study

7th day morning after seeking god I writ two letters, I studyed some in afternoon, my wife and I spent some time in prayer sweetly, then came John Garnet of Idle to talk with me, Martha Bins brought two lads to be

catichized, I had a letter by Susan, god helpt in prayer 1t day morning I sought the Lord, went to my chappel read 1 chron 10 prayd preachd on Joh 15 14 god helpt, I received a letter from Mr Blamires, my watch from Mr Banks, ——— came in at night

2d day morning god helpt me in duty, I set myself to 25 study but was confused, writ a letter to Mr Whittaker of Leeds, after dinner visited, prayd with Susan Baxter and my wife, came again to my study, did something,

god helpt in prayer

3d day morning I sought the Lord, Wilm Clay came 26 we discoursed I set to my study did something in afternoon Joshua Sonier came I gave him a book, John Thompson of Moorfield with his complaints, I read my chapters, went to prayer, concluded Mr Flavil that night a letter came from Mr Gowland

4th day morning having sought god I set to my study— 27 Jos Baxter came, Sarah Stot, Ab Ashworth our schoolmaster—I went to John Learoyds, writ in my book on 2 Pet 1 18 god dictated severall things to my thoughts

5th day morning I sought my dear Lord, set upon 28 writing my book of After-remembrance all day almost finisht it, intended to have gone in afternoon to J. Priestlys but it proved a windy rainy day, I staid at home, god inlarged me in prayer

6th day morning having sought god I writ two letters 29 to London, dined, after dinner my wife and I got on horseback, but he kickd she lighted, got on again, we rid to Joshua Priestlys at Winteridg, I had business with him his father; returned, received a letter from my son Eliezer-

7th day morning was helpd in prayer, forenoon I writ 2 30 letters into Lanc, received one from Cozen W. W., Mr John Sugden came, afternoon my wife and I went to

prayer, I catichized a lasse that lives at Tim Holds-It day morning I put myself into gods hands, went to 31 my chappel read 1 Chron 19 prayd preached on Psa 25 7 a text left by J S—both ends—we were 8 at dinner A Naylor and Tim Bancroft gaue me 20 sh I discoursed with a troubled lad, received a letter from Judith Cockroft of London

April, 1700.

1 | 2d day morning having sought god I set upon writing 2 letters, then studyed part of a sermon after dinner visited Susan Butler, discoursed, prayd with her, returned home, studyed, John Holdworth came, Rd Hanson's wife was buried—

2 3d day morning I sought my dear Lord, studyed writ a letter to York, was interrupted by Mr Byram and Nathan Heywood who dined with us His preacher subscribed an Acquittance, Mr Eli Hanson came, by whom I sent a leverit to Mr Newton—read my chapter,

prayd

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4th day morning having sought god I went to Norwood green, we had our monthly fast at James Tetlaws, J W, T. S, G Wright, Jon Priestly prayd, I preacht on Jon 1 11 prayd god helpt, we discoursed, was home after 6 a

clock

4 5th day morning having prayd for direction for a text I was a while perplexed, at last resolved studyed but after dinner comes Mtris Town of Ealand said that she was melancholy and dreadful soul troubles, came to talk with me, I took her into my chamber, discoursed, prayd with her, then she stayd severall hours—I lost hold of

my text, prayd

5 6th day morning I sought god, god helpt in forenoon, writ letters, studyed, at noon Josiah Stansfield dined with, John Sugden, Jonathan Priestley, Anthony Naylor, Abr Bolton, Tim Bancroft came, sealed writings, I payd Martha Halstead 30 li, we had a tedious afternoon—ended at 6 o clock thus finisht my payment for the farm

6 7th day morning having prayd in my chamber family, I set to my study—writ two letters into Lanc after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer it was a sweet

season, I received a letter out of Lanc.

7 It day morning I committed myself work to god went to my chappel read Chron 20, prayd for french protestants preacht both ends in psal 25 7 finisht it—god helpt

3 2d day morning I sought my dear Lord and did something at my study in the forenoon afternoon John Craven went with me down to Blakehil to see Sarah Scot in a feaver, I discoursed prayd with her, returned, Mr Bairstow came subscribed an Acquittance he, John Holdworth, John Learoyd were witnesses to the making of my will

9 3d day morning I was assisted in prayer, studyd reading Mr Quick of sufferings of protestants in france, I went after dinner to visit Susanna Butler, discoursed prayd with her, John Craven dropt one wedens, Rich Leaver

came brought my rent 2 li 9 sh

4th day morning I sent away Rich Leaver with prayer was twice on my knees in my chamber, studyed but was called down to Jon Priestly sen, discoursed with him made him a Bill of Return for 34 li 5 sh Edward Heaton came with acquittance, Willm Clay then Thomas Hammond brought Jer Learoyd with his child to be baptized, I called for neighbours, baptized it Jonathan a year and a quarter old, god helpt me alone

11 5th day morning I was a little helped, set myself to study a sermon, god helpt in forenoon, after dinner my wife and I walkt to Jer Baxters Ab Whitwham, Mary Ramsden (Robt's daughter) came I discoursed with her

studyed, sought god

12 6th day morning I sought the Lord, John Scot came told me of his mothers death I talkt with him—John Holdworth—I writ two letters to London sent 9 acquittances to Mr Gowland—studyed, Rich Smith came to me, John Thompson sent—some help I had

7th day morning I sought god, Charles Hughs trimd me, my wife was sore troubled at a word he spake, was sad, but god pacified her, she prayd sweetly with me in the afternoon, god melted my heart, Martha Bins came

discoursed 1 studyd by times

14 It day morning after seeking god in came Samuel Oddy of Wibsey under sensible convictions, very hopefull, I discoursed with him, then went to my chappel read 1 Chron 21 prayd preacht on Tit 3 14 god helpt some came in at night, baptized Mary daughter of Israel Hainworth of Cleaton—

15 2nd day morning I found assistance from god I set about writing the liues of Mr Tho Crompton and Mr Robt Constantine, transcribed them writ a letter to Mr Thorsby, sealed them-Jon Priestly sen came to me

brought 6 li-I sought god

3d day morning before we got up a man came out of little Leaver in Lanc—brought me a letter from JRI writ an Answer in a trifling case about renting a house to a tenant the date of it was disputed, I determined it I set myself to study on a text for that day appointed preacht it, Will Clay came I went to John Learoyds, sought god, John Learoyd came to speak to me about business

4th day morning sought the Lord Ch Hughs came I set to my study after dinner writ 2 letters sent mony to Manchester, Jerem Batly came Joseph Priestly I prepared for a journey the day following, god did a little

help in prayer

5th day sons birthday I prayd in the great parlour because of chimney swept John Ramsden came with whom I rode into Warly, where we had a private fast at Anthony Naylors concerning his journies into Holland, Tim Bancroft, Henry Naylor, Mr M Smith prayd, I preacht on pro 35 prayd, we discoursed, I returned, I called of Isaac Longbottom, received 2 letters, found all well,

19 6th day morning I sought the Lord, spent most of forenoon in writing to Mr Charnock, John Holdworth got my horse shod with Brierly—after dinner I went to Susan Butler, my wife to Sam Holdworth, in afternoon

I writ a letter for London

20 7th day morning after I had sought the Lord Jon Priestly came paid me 24 li I dispatcht it to Mr Denton Warly, 40li 7sh, ordered it with much ado, after dinner my wife and I spent some time prayer sweetly—John Berry came, my maid brought in a letter from my son John I sought my dear Lord alone

21 It day morning I sought the Lord, went to my chappel read 1 Chron 22 expounded prayd, preacht, at noon delivered 5li to James Tetly for Mr Noble, 5li by Mich Ingham for Mr Byram, Ealand—catichized, preacht all

day on god helpt—blessed be god

22 2d day morning I sought my dear Lord, Mary Brooksbank came to talk with me, then I set myself to write a letter to York, read in Mr Charnock, after dinner Willey

Clay came sate with me till two a'clock, then I went to my study did prepare something for Lords day evening—my son John came and old Jonathan Priestly to talk with him.

23 3d day morning I sought god in secret, my son John prayd in the family, he and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber, he stayd dinner, I studyed in the afternoon, Jo Holdworth came towards evening I was helped.

noon, Jo Holdworth came towards evening I was helped.
4th day morning having committed myself to god I had appointed a solemn fast publicly for the french protestants Mr Priestly begun prayd preacht on Luk 18 7 8 I prayd preacht on Job 19 21 god helpt, it was a good day, they dined with me I gaue Mr Priestly and Mr Bairstow 50 sh a piece, they stayd long with me after dinner

5th day morning after seeking god I set myself to study, kept close in forenoon, after dinner I went to Jonas Northens, discoursed with Mercy Woodhead about soul concerns, returned, studyed, Jos Craven went with my horse bought hay he was unruly, I set myself to seek god was helpt

26 6th day morning I sought the Lord did something in my work betwixt 11 and 12 went to John Learoyds when we had a private fast, John Foster, James Hall, John Jowet prayd, I preacht on Psal 31 5 prayd, it was

a good day

27 7th day morning I found grace in god's sight, writ 2 letters into Lanc tooke diet-drink, in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, Charles Hughs trim'd me, Sam Holdworth came brought a letter from York, I had another from London, from Mr Gowland

28 It day morning I sought god, went to my chappel, read 1 Chron 3, prayd, preacht on Tit 2 14 thought I had too little, but god made out in inlargement very sweetly, profitably, we were 9 at dinner, J Pr. A. L. all 3 came in at night

29 2d day morning I had some little help, drunk diet-drink stayd at home all day studyed part of a sermon for work on Heb 4 13 god helpt in writing in prayer melted my

heart

30 3d day morning when I had committed myself to god and drunk diet-drink I set on my study, finisht what I

had begun the day before, kept at home all day writ a letter to Mr Gowland, received one out of Lanc was something helpt in prayer, but disturbed, I received letters from Lancashire—Leeds.

May, 1700.

1 | 4th day morning I committed myself to my dere Lord Nathaniel Lea came for me Willm Clay went with me to High-bentley where we had our monthly fast, Mr Keighley, Joshua Hainworth prayd I preacht on Isai 24 16 prayd god helpt—we discoursed—returned home

2 5th day morning having sought the Lord I set myself to write 2 letters to Manchester, then studyed part of a sermon was helpt in prayer, kept house all day having

taken diet-drink

3 6th day morning I committed myself to god Joshua Ingham came for me with whom I rode to Hipperholm where we had a private fast for his wife great with child, Mr Wright, Sam Holdworth prayd, I preacht on Isai 66 9 prayd god helpt hostled at Jonathan Priestlys, was tired out

4 7th day morning having sought the Lord I went to my study, John Holdworth came, I set myself to study was helped, in the afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer but were disturbed, Martha Bins came Joshua Stocks brought his lads to say catechism, psalm,

I had a letter out of Lanc

1t day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read 1 Chron 24 prayd preached on Tit 2 14 of christs pureifying soules to himself—we were 7 at dinner some came from Halifax I met with mercy in

my work

6 2d day morning I put myself into gods hands studyed a little—rid down to Jon Bently's of Only house where we had a private fast for his wife great with child, himself, John Bury, Nathan Baxter prayd I preacht on Phi 4 6 prayd William Lupton of Wakefield came to visit me

7 3d day morning I committed myself to god in prayer writ a letter to my son El. Jonathan Priestly sen came, I studyed, after dinner my wife and I walkt to the field,

called of Susan Butler discoursed prayd with her, re-

turned, studyed, was helpt

8 4th day morning was exceeding rainy I was to goe into Warly my wife was troubled at my journey John Lum came for me, I went, shortly after it cleared up, I rid on, light at the chappel, prayd preacht on Heb 4 12 god helpt to a considerable Asssembly, eat at Mary Butterworths, came back, called of Isaac Longbottom John Cooke got home before 5 aclock

9 5th day morning I sought god, fell to my study for my Lords day work was helped, finisht it went to John Learoyds, Willm Clay came to and some poor workings

of heart I had at night

10 6th day morning I committed myself to god writ some in my book of safe custody, went at 12 aclock to my chappel, read psal 22 prayd preached on Isai 53 11 god helpt Mary Lea came in much trouble on her spirit J P both J Tetley came in Mr Wright

7th day morning having sought god I set to my study god assisted after noon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, god helpt, Charles Hughs came, Grace Whit-

wam I writ a letter to Elk Bury sought god alone

12 It day morning I had much adoe with my bad heart, fell down on my knees again and again god helpt in my public work all day praying and preaching on Isai 53 11 administering the Lords supper many dined with us Jo Briercliff and his wife, old Josiah Stansfield stayd after

2d day morning I sought my dear Lord, fell to writing in my book of safe custody—god helpt James Strornson came, hindred me, after dinner my wife and I went to William Clays, Jo Learoyds Jonas Northens I writ 2

letters to Leeds Bramham

3d day morning I sought god studyed hard all day excepting that Mr Eli Dawson visited me a while and I sent a letter to York, being put upon it to my dis-

turbance in the duty of prayer

15 4th day I sought my Lord in my chamber went down to family prayer, breakfast, went up again betwixt 8 and 9 read Gen 32 my heart melted fell on my knees was helpt sweetly to blesse god for personall mercys—intending to spend that forenoon in prayer but was

called down Joshua Wright sent his man for me to come to his house to pray for his son in small pox, I got ready, rode thither, prayd, stayd, Thomas Scholfield

brought me home about one, I studyed

5th day morning I had some assistance in seeking upon god, I fell to my study, my horse was blead Grace Ramsden and Annie Ambler come with Jo Ambler's child to be baptized, I sent for some neighbours in, baptized it Stephen, they stayd dinner with us, I kept close to my study all afternoon, was inlarged in prayer

17 6th day morning I committed myself to god, rid to Westercroft where we had a private fast at Martha Bins, Willm Clay, old Jon Priestly prayd, I preacht, prayd—Mr Timothy Jollie his son Timothy Mr Moult

came that night

7th day next morning Mr Jollie prayd in the family after that Mr Moult his scholler, Mr Jollie and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber, O what affections and meltings of heart was there, in afternoon Sam Holdworth Ant Lea came, we discoursed

19 It day I went to chappel after secret and family prayer Mr Jollie read Jer 2 and 3, prayd, took his text in Jer 3 22 preacht all day to a full congregation very well, at noon I baptized John the son of Jo Foster afternoon severall stayd discoursed with Mr Jollie at night

20 2d day morning Mr Jollie prayd with us, took horse rid to Leeds, Robt (Mr Brooksbanks man) came for me, with whom I rode to Ealand, Mr Dawson and I preacht an Exercise there to a very great Assembly he preacht on Eccl 12 1, I from Mar 4 5 god helpt both in praying and preaching, we dined, returned home, Mr Dawson to James Brooksbanks, I was very weary

21 3d day morning I sought the Lord weakly and at noon, after dinner came William Clay, John Stringfillo, Jonathan Priestly sen. I writ in my book of Safe Custody, sought the Lord in some poor measure—

4th day morning after breakfast, prayers, I set my self at 9 aclock to spend some time till 12 on my knees in reading, prayer, I read Hos 14 prayd upon my own account, then read Jer 31 prayd for my relations congregation then read Esther 4 prayd for the church, french protestants, but was called down for a season,

returned to it, but was troubled with a sleepy distracted heart, Lord pardon—Cozen Tho Wolstenholm and his wife came

23 5th day morning we sent them away with prayer I writ in my book till Joshua Wright came to desire me to preach at the funerall of his son I discoursed with him in my chamber, Edmund Paulard came talkt with about sitting down John Holdworth came

24 6th day morning hauing sought god fell to my study dispatcht most of my funerall sermon in the forenoon, went to Willm Clays John Learoyds, fell to Lord's day work, writ a letter, read my chapter, other things, after that I finisht my reading of Mr Clark's liues of the fathers

7th day morning I was a little helped to commit my affairs to god, studyed a little then Sam Holdworth called on me, with whom I rid to Halifax, light at John Crooks went to the chappel preacht a funerall sermon on Psal 39 9 for Joshua son of Joshua Wright that died of small pox, had drinking at common house, returned home

26 It day morning 39 years that day since god took my wife from me by death, Elizabeth Angier; I sought god committed myself to god, went to my chappel, read 1 Chron 26 prayd preacht all day upon Tit 2 14 had a collection for John Smith clark, 18 sh Mr Josiah Oates stayd

27 2d day morning I sought the Lord, writ Observations, read in Mr Noble's book, writ in Safe Custody, William Clay came after dinner, writ again in afternoon sought god

28 3d day morning I sought the Lord and set upon writing Dumb Christian for I was upon psa 39 9 writ forenoon, at noon I sought god, afternoon Jos Batley, I payd him 30 sh, Jo Priestly came then Mary Priestly widow, with whom I had much serious discourse about sitting down 4th day morning I committed my self to god, about 10

29 4th day morning I committed my self to god, about 10 a clock James Oates came for me, we kept our monthly fast at his house, my guests habitation, he, Sam Holdworth, Mr Wright, prayd I preacht on Isai 24 16 prayd god helpt

30 | 5th day morning my prayer was a little hindred and at noon interrupted, at 2 a clock afternoon 8 of my young men came to my chappel, I sought god with them, our conference was about sincere tho weak grace—god helpt a little toward night in prayer—blessed be god

31 6th day morning I sought the Lord about my work for studying—god helpt in forenoon, at noon William Fenton and his wife dined with us, after dinner John Holdworth and I rid to visit John Bently at Wadhouse, I discoursed, prayd with him, we called at Mr Joseph Crowthers, discoursed, returned

June, 1700.

1 | 7th day morning I was a little helped, sent our maid to town, to be blooded, in forenoon my wife and I spent some in prayer, at noon Charles Hughs came trimd me, Martha Bins with 2 children to be catichized—Martha Butterworth came with whom I discoursed

2 It day morning I sought the Lord, James Brooksbank came early, I went to the chappel read, commented on 1 Chron 27 prayd, preacht on Tit 2 14 afternoon J. Wright desired me to preach on Psal 39 9 which I did—gaue notice of Winteridg—sent 5 books by John Hanson to Bingley

2d day morning having sought my dear Lord I set upon writing in Dumb Christian, writ forenoon and after, prayd at noon—morning read my chapters, Willm Clay came after dinner I was helpt in prayer

4 3d day morning I found help—Charles Hughs came, I writ in my book of Dumb Christian, received 2 letters from my son El, cozen W. Wolstenholm, writ 2 letters—one to my son John another to Mr Colton Jo Priestly jun came—sate with me

4th day morning I committed myself to god in my poor measure then rid down to John Bentlys at Only-house, baptized his son John we kept a day of thanksgiving Tho Bently Tho Gill prayd I preacht on Gen 29 35 prayd—discoursed—returned

6 5th day I stayd at home all day, sought god weakly morning noon and evening—studyed—writ all day in Book of dumb Christian only walkt after dinner to Willm Clays John Learoyds

7 6th day morning having sought the Lord I writ in my book of Dumb Christian finisht it then set to study for Lords day was puzzled prayd—went to Jonas Northens there came with me John Lang to be a scholler at our school—I discoursed with James Watt's uncle

8 7th day I put myself into gods hands set upon my study, at 10 aclock 4 lads came to me, schollers, I examined them, afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, Sam Holdworth Martha Sunderland,

Willm Northen came discoursed

9 It day morning I sought god was doubtfull about my sermons prayd god satisfyed me, went to my chappel expounded 1 Chron 28 prayd preacht on Tit 4 14 god helpt, it was my quarter day 4 li 9 sh given—blessed be

god—people are more willing then formerly

2d day morning I had something to do with my two kinsmen James Lomax and Willm Scotcroft—to receive rents—sent them away—so put off my event diarys till family dutys were over. I writ a letter by them, then sought god, writ an Epistle for my book of dumb christian, Josh Sonier came brought me a letter from my son John

11 3d day morning I sought god, writ a letter to my son Eliezer, did something in writing an Epistle before the dumb christian, afternoon Willm Clay came, then came Mr Jollie's maid Margaret Cellars, brought me a letter from her master and a tedious controversy betwixt Mr Kershaw and his hearers, stayd a long while we dis-

·coursed-

4th day morning after secret prayer I set upon writing the articles preferred agt Mr K considered the case, went to John Learoyds after dinner, then writ a letter to Mr Jollie—found some help towards night

13 5th day morning I sought god, studyed a sermon, stayd at home all day, John Holdworth got my horse removed Marg Cellars called — other business I had Joshua

Ingham came—

14 6th day I called on god in my chamber, family, I set to my study for Lords day was something helped, read in Baxter's Synagoga Judaiso, N N came in to talk with me, at night I was inlarged

7th day morning I sought god, writ a letter to Mr Kershaw, Tho Collingham came with rents, Samuel Holdworth, James Oates, Mr Mawson, I prayd, afternoon my wife and I prayd, Martha Bins with 2 letters, I writ a letter to Mr Bently—was busy

16 It day morning I committed my affairs to god, went to chappel, prayd, expounded 1 Chron 29 prayd, preacht all day upon Tit 2 14 zealous of good works, at noon in publick baptized John Craven's son John—J B came

and others, read my letters, we discoursed

2d day morning I put myself into gods hands studyd some, Joshua Ingham came for me I went to Hipperholm, was at Joshua Wrights delivered my M S, went to Michael Inghams baptized his son John, went to prayer, then Mr Wright, sung hymn, went to dinner, I came away, called at Jonathan Priestlys at Winteridg—returned home—had mercy

18 3d day morning I sought the Lord, writ in my book of Safe Custody, writ two letters, one to London, had 2, writ diary, J Priestly sen came I went to Susan Butlers discoursed prayd with her, called at Mary Stocks James

Brooksbank came

4th day morning I sought god, studyd some walkt to Samuel Holdworths to our monthly fast, himself Mr Wright, James Oates prayd, I preacht on Job 5 17 prayd, called at Jon Baxters sate with him, Joseph Hall, returned home, heard Jos Wood catech—

5th day morning, noon, night I sought my dear Lord, had some inlargement, stayd at home all day—prayd, came to John Learoyds, after dinner writ in my book—studyd part of a sermon Jo Stringfillo came helpt my

watch I payd him 1 sh

21 6th day morning I was helpt—studyd a sermon stayd at home all day—was something helpt at noon and night, blessed be god, after supper Mr John Ash of Bramham and Jer Baxter came with whom I discoursed

7th day morning after asking god I set to my study early, writ some letters about busines Mary Brooksbank dined with us, after dinner my wife and I were helpt sweetly to spend some time in prayer I had 4 schollers came to be examined

23 11 day morning I sought the Lord, one A Bland came from Idle, poor man to whom we gaue 2 sh I went to my chappel, read 2 Chron 1 expounded, prayd, preacht on Tit 2 14 god helpt, made it a good day

24 2d day morning after seeking god I writ 4 letters, to Mr Colton, Mr Hodgson, Mr Gowland of London, Mr Noble-J Priestly came to whom I gaue a bill of return for 32 li 5 sh Joh Crauen mowed our lower croft--other

business fell in I sought god

25 3d day morning I sought the Lord, made ready my letters, John Drakup came to me from Irlbe to invite me to the funerall of Willm Webster the day following-I spent much time to little purpose in studying on 2 Pet 3 10 could make nothing of it, took another towards

night was helpt in prayer

26 4th day morning I studyed some—made ready Timothy Kershaw came for me with whom I rid called at James Tetlaws delivered him money for Mr Noble, rid to Wike, where we had a private (fast) day at John Kershaws, James Oates, Mr Wright prayd I preacht on psal 65 8 prayd god greatly helpt, I returned home James Oates came with me-

27 5th day morning I sought god, set myself to study my sermon, J Bently came, after dinner we had the young mens conference concerning growth in grace E Paulard, stayd discoursed with me about sitting down at the

Lords supper I studyed—was helpt to seek god.

28 6th day morning after prayer I studyed—god helped I went to Thomas Bentlys where we had a private fast Mr Hall, John Bury, John Foster prayd I preacht on Psal 66 18 prayd, god helpt—was sent for home, Mary Greenwood, Jon's sister came in much trouble I discoursed with her-Henry Taylor came out of Lancashire

-rainy hay day

29 7th day morning I sought god—Susan went to Halifax -came- Lydia and she made hay it was a pleasant day Sam Holdworth brought me a letter from York, Mr Oats came, Martha Bins with a lasse to be catechised I was helped in my study-Joshua Firth came from Dr Hall, James Cordingley and his wife, children called

1t day morning I sought the Lord went to my chappel 30 read expounded 2 Chron 2 prayd preacht on Jer 8 6

god helpt—catichized found grace in gods sight some came at night to discourse—read a letter

July, 1700.

- 1 2d day morning I sought god John Craven mowed upper croft helpt to get in to row—it was a very fair day—blessed be god in this brittle weather I studyed writ in my book of Safe Custody, visited Susan Butler after dinner prayd discoursed with her John Learoyd came
- 2 3d day morning having sought the Lord I set upon my study for Lords day, Jo Priestly sen came in forencon brought me 28 li and in afternoon 4 li 13 sh viz 32 li 13 sh for ministering in return—we discoursed—Willm Clay came after dinner I studyed god helpt in prayer—Mr Martin of Durham called of me discoursed
- 3 4th day morning I waited on god—committed myself to him—Israel Tilson, John Farrar's man came for me I rid into Warly, preacht there on The 4 3 god helpt, dined at Stephen Halls, returned, called at John Cooks, Mr Blamires they desired me to light but I came on got home by 5 aclock my son Eliezer came shortly after—we discoursed—blessed be god he prayd in the family
- 4 5th day morning I sought god in my chamber family then my son and I spent some time together in prayer sweetly—blessed be god dined J P came we walkt to W Clays Jon Northends, after dinner we took leaue went away I followed my study—upper croft hay housed, though it was rain before night

5 6th morning I committed myself to god, did somewhat of my study, went to my chappel read Psal 89 prayd preacht a preparation sermon on Isai 53 11 Cht gods servant—talkt with Edmund Paulard, studyed

6 7th day morning I sought the Lord, then writ four letters into Lanc—after Susan was gone my wife and I spent some time in prayer in the afternoon, 4 schollers came to be examined god helpt me alone—Jo Priestly called told me of Mr Waterhouse coming

7 It day morning I sought the Lord—god helpt after 9 aclock Mr Waterhouse came, would preach both ends of the day, did preach on Joh 14 1 I administered the

Lords supper at noon, severall persons came in at night—we discoursed, I repeated the Sermons—prayd

8 2d day morning I put myself into gods hands writ in my book of Safe Custody walkt to John Holdworths, discoursed prayd with Mary Drake came back, was studying Mr Jonas Blamires and Mr Thomas Wainman came sate with me in my chamber most of afternoon—went at 6 oclock I sought god Mary Priestly called—brought rent, told me Charles Best was a dying—writ for him to Halifax

9 3d day morning after chamber and family prayer I took horse and rid to Landimer visited Charles Best, who was judged a dying man by his own intemperance discoursed with him found him sottish, prayd with him, returned, studyed writ in my book Jer Batley Jo

Priestly sen-jun. called—other business

4th day morning after family dutys and chamber I set myself to spend the forenoon in secret prayer read 99 psal—prayd—but alas was overcome with drowsiness read Isai 49 my heart was melted whilst praying my wife called me down to J Baxter—after a season I returned to my work was helped a while till towards 12 dined went to W Clays, J Learoyds, returned to study 11 feet day morning after I held say get the I and I feel to study

5th day morning after I had sought the Lord I fell to my writing in my book of Safe Custody and betimes finisht it—after dinner went to John Learoyds—returned —begun another book of Seeming Contradictions from Gal 2 20 sought the Lord it was a broken hay day

6th day morning I sought the Lord—found help fell to writing in forenoon after dinner went to hay in the park with my wife—called of Susan Butler, went to my study, George Ramsden my tenant in Wheatly came

paid me rent 2 li 16 sh

7th day morning god did assist me in some measure I set myself to study, but could make little of it, Susan went to Halifax, brought me a letter from Mr Gowland it was a blessed hay day—our folks got in 18 or 19 burdens out of the park—I prayd in my chamber with my wife and alone

14 It day morning I committed myself to the Lord in prayer, went to my chappel, read expounded 2 Chron 3

preacht on Jer 8 6 catechized at noon and at night had

help, some stayd Jo Hartly talkt with me

2d day morning another letter came from Mr Gowland signifying his payment of my Bill—after secret, family prayer Eliezer Tetlaw came was for London I prayd for him, writ a letter by him gaue him money for Mr Noble—my wife and I divided the money for minister schollers into parcels I writ a letter sent Mr Byron 5 li Jonas Northen came I paid for the field—hay, after dinner Jèr Batly came I paid him off 16 shillings, he's for London—I writ in my book

3d day morning I sought the Lord set to my work of writing seeming contradictions—studyd writ a letter to Mr Gowland at London—Jer Batly came gaue me the key of the school, took his leaue Jon Priestly jun called

Wm Clay, I returned to my study was helpt

4th day morning hauing sought the Lord I set to my writing in my book of seeming contradictions, was busy but Jer Baxter came, hindred from praying before dinner but I sought god after, read in Turner's history, was helpt at night in praising my dear Lord—Jer Baxter Usher at Hipperholm came to offer his service

18 5th day morning noon night I sought god in my chamber writ in my book of seeming contradictions—went to Will Clays Jon Northens—studied part of a

sermon-

6th day morning after seeking god I studyed for Lords day after dinner I rid to Warly-green visited John Sonier in a feaver, discoursed prayd with him took Jer Clay, at my return came Mr Jer: Bairstow came I gaue him 50 sh—had much discourse with him—went to my study—

7th day after closet and family-duty I set to my study was helped, in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer—I studyed—Daniel Gill came, then Mr Josiah Oates, I paid him 46 sh, writ a letter to brother

Hilton in the evening—

21 It day morning I committed myself to the Lord went to my chappel read expounded 2 Chron I prayd preacht on Jer 8 6—god helpt we had 13 at dinner, 11 at our table, 2 behind the door, some came in at night22 2d day morning I sought the Lord—set myself to study but was something confused a season—but when I set my self to it god helpt me, went to Jo Learoyds after dinner at 4 or 5 aclock Jon Priestly came we discoursed, I had a letter from London—

23 3d day morning after seeking of god in my chamber family I set upon writing letters 2 I writ into Nottinghamshire 2 to York—set upon my study on a text giuen me by W Clay which I found I had preacht largely on—I epitomized my discourses on Deut 30 6—received a

letter out of Lanc-

24 4th day morning I sought god—Mr Ralph Marsdens daughter came again to me—I gaue her instructions—I went to William Clays to our monthly fast—himself, Jon Priestly sen, Mr Wright prayd—I preacht on Deut 30 6 prayd returned Joseph Wilkinson schoolmaster waited for me—we discoursed about his coming to our school—

25 5th day morning after seeking god I set upon writing my treatise of seeming contradiction—finisht it prepared for conference—2 lads came—no more, but I went prayd discoursed—as if 20—prayd with Susan Butler—fell to my study—prayd—

26 6th day morning I sought my dear Lord, he helpt I studyed hard all day—only went to Jo Learoyds after dinner, towards evening Mr John Crowther came with

his little boy—I sought the Lord—

7th day after seeking god I writ 3 letters into Lanc 2 notes in forenoon, studyed but little—in afternoon my wife and I prayd together, Sam: Holdworth came, had been at York, Ant: Lea called, Martha Bins brought 2 children to be catichized, I sought the Lord—J B and usher came—

28 It day morning after seeking the Lord I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 5 prayd preacht on Jer 8 6—dined Madam Lambert Anne Bawden, Marble Mitchel her daughter, 2 servant men dined with us J P sen, jun, A

Lea came at night—

29 2d day morning after prayer in chamber, family W Clay and Jer Baxter came we pitcht on a schoolmaster forenoon I writ Dr Sharps sermon—afternoon my wife went to Winteridg, I had letter from my son John at Scarborough Jo Priestly sen came, wept for the miscarriage in his family—Lydia Baxter with child, James Smith of Farsly came with a message from Mr Dickson, I writ to him

30 3d day morning I set myself to seek the Lord then set to my work of studying—after dinner I went to John Learoyds—sate there returned studied Brian Batty our new school master came to me towards evening—we discoursed—

31 4th day morning I committed myself to god, John Learoyd and his wife, Sam Drake accompanyed me to Kipping, Mr Accepted Lister preacht on Mat 22 11 I preacht on Isai 39 4 a reformation-sermon, baptized a child—dined at Dr Halls returned in safety—

August, 1700.

1 | 5th day morning I sought my dear Lord in secret family—morning, noon, night—fell close to my study—god helped to study about Repentance for next Lords day in course to preach at home—

2 6th day morning I sought god set to my study had good successe—after dinner walkt to W Clays Jo Learoyds, went to my study again—god helpt at noon—night—

3 7th day morning after seeking god I went to my study writ a note to S H—afternoon my wife and [I] spent some time in prayer—god helpt, A Lea came brought a letter from Mr Dickson—S our maid brought me a note and 30 sh rent from the mason—

4 1t day morning having committed myself to god I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 6—prayd preacht giving a description of gospel-repentance dined severall Mr

Wright stayd at night we discoursed-

5 2d day morning I found grace in gods sight—fell to studying a new sermon, god helpt me dispatcht it—old Jo Priestly his son Nath and wife came in the afternoon we discoursed Dan Illingworth—I writ a letter—

6 3d day morning I committed myself to god, John Learoyd accompanyed me to Southourum where we had a private fast at Thomas Gills Nathan Baxter and Tho Bently prayd I preacht on Heb 12 7 prayd discoursed returned home in safety—Jon Priestly jun called

7 | 4th day morning after I had sought the Lord I went to my study, was sore tossed in my thoughts what text to take the two days following—my wife went to Landimer to attend the funeral of Charles Best—I visited Susan Butler prayd with her discoursed—studyed—

8 5th day morning I committed myself to god made ready—Eli Stansfield came for me, I went with him to Sowerby prayd preacht to a full Assembly on Gen 28
12 Jacobs ladder, baptized Alice John Stansfields daughter, sate with friends lodged there—prayd—

9 6th day morning got up early sought the Lord in my chamber family, Stephen Hall came for me I went with him to his house where we had a day of thanksgiuing for his wives deliverance, himself Tim Bancroft, Mr Smith prayed I preacht on psal 136 1 prayd, dined, returned called of old Joshua Sonier, discoursed prayd with him, came home found Mr Jo Ash and a Bramham man—we supt—

7th day morning I put myself into gods hands, then writ a letter to Mtris Frankland, Craven,—sent her a book after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer Mr Jo Ash disturbed us—stayd discoursing—Charles Hughs came, I had 3 letters out of Lanc—Jo Clay brought me the news of old Josh Soniers death at 4 a clock—

11 It day morning I committed myself to god, was helpt went to my chappel read 2 Chron 7 prayd preacht about Repentance we were 8 at dinner, Mr Math Pinkerden of Manchester came sate with us a long season at night and others

2d day morning having put my self into gods hands in my chamber family—Will Clay came, I fell to study a funerall sermon for Josh Sonier on 1 Cor 2 2 stuck hard to it all day (except walking after dinner to Jo Learoyds J Northens) I finisht it was a little helpt in prayer—

3d day morning I committed my self to god Jon Priestly sen called of me went to the funerall of old Joshua Sonier I preacht the funerall sermon at Halifax chappel Thomas Gill was buryed the same day, my text giuen me by Joshua Sonier was 1 Cor 2 2 I went to dinner

then came to Stump-crosse-to drinking-so home with

Jon Priestly sen—it was a hurrying day—

4th day morning I put myself into gods hands, John 14 Ransom came for me with whom I rode to Allerton, where we had a solemn day-many people Joseph Lister, his son Accepted prayed I preacht a funerall sermon for his son John on Heb 12 7 prayd, god helpt -we discoursed I returned home-very weary-

5th day morning having sought god I set on writing an 15 Epistle to my Treatise of seeming contradictions—did it, had occasion to goe down for notes suddenly took my good wife on her knees was glad of it yet sorry I dis-

turbed her-was helped in study prayer-

16 6th day I set to my study--after seeking god was a little helped morning noon-night-writ notes, some Scriptures tending to charity for an old man-

7th day morning I sought the Lord writ 2 letters into 17 Lanc. then Charles Hughs came and helpt me with a tooth—in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer—after that I was much discomposed, fell on my face, wept sore—god did something reviue me—

1t day morning I sought god-went to my chappel-18 read 2 Chron 8 prayd preacht upon Jer 8 6—god greatly helpt, it was a full Assembly there being no preaching at Coley-chappel, I preacht at night—we discoursed—

2d day morning I committed my self to god, John 19 Sonier came for me with whom I rode to Horly-green we had a private fast at his house, Mr John Cook Tho Holden prayd I preacht on 1 Cor 2 2 prayd returned safe

home, blessed be god—

3d day morning having sought the Lord I set myself to 20 study but blundered a considerable while before I could pitch on a text—then fixt and writ it, in the afternoon walkt to Willm Clays and John Learoyds and god helpt me in good measure in my studys-

21 4th day morning I committed myself, studys to god by prayer-Jer Baxter brought me Mr Sharps book I had some successe in my study-afternoon Jo Priestly sen came we discoursed I went again to my study god help(t)

in seeking the Lord-

5th day morning I sought god studyed, in the forenoon 22 came Mr Benj Denton and his brother El after dinner I had the young mens conference at my chappel—Mary Priestly came to discourse with me about sitting down

at Lords supper—

6th day morning after I had sought god Tim Ramsden 23came for me, W Clay and he and I rode up to John Ramsdens of Shuckleton-hill where we had a private fast, Joshua Hainworth Joseph Lister Mr Bairstow prayd, I preacht upon Isai 64 6—prayd—returned—

7th day morning 30 years since the fatal blow was 24 giuen—I sought the Lord—studyed—writ a letter to John Hey-Grace Milner came weeping for her son hanged at Cambridg—my wife and [I] spent some time in prayer, Charles Hughs came, Jo Craven-I received

a letter from Ms Frankland—in Craven—

1t day morning I committed myself to God went to my 25 chappel, read 2 Chron 9-prayd preacht found assistance upon 1 Cor 2 2—had 20 portraits of Chts titles—but could not dispatch them-Jonath Priestly, his son, A Lea came in at night-

2d day morning—noon—night I sought my dear Lord, 26 had some help-studyed all day on a text my wife

mentioned—only went by Jo Learoyds—

3d day morning I committed myself to god set upon my 27study—god helpt in prayer at noon—I went to Will Clays returned, presently after Mr Tim Ellison came sate 2 hours almost I returned to my study—did something-my son John came to us that night-

4th day morning I sought god we had our monthly 28 exercise Mr Priestly preached first upon Ezek 18 28 then my son John upon Psal 119 9—they and severall others dined with us, we discoursed had a good day, blessed be god-my son prayd in the family at night-

5th day morning I sought the Lord-in my parlour 29 committed my son and Richard Leaver my tenant to god they left us betwixt 8 and 9 a clock-I fell close to my study—was confused in the forenoon—but afternoon

was helped in studying praying-

6th day morning I committed my self to god, Isaac 30 Hargreaues (Stephen Halls man) came for me with whom I rid into Warly-prayd preacht in the chappel on Mat 26 29 was helpt-dined at Stephen Halls returned back came home before 5 a clock-weary31 | 7th day I sought god—studyed hard only my wife and I spent some time in afternoon in prayer—and my own soul after sweetly

September, 1700.

1 1t day morning after much sollicitude I committed my self to god—went to my chappel read Cant 1 prayd preacht on Isai 33 11 administered the Lords supper, dined many—had Mr Slater and others at night—widow Kennedy Anne Hague stayd all night—

2 2d day morning I sought my dear Lord in my chamber—family—discoursed with those two women till 11 a clock—went to my study, begun to write my book of heart circumcision—walkt to Jo Learoyds after dinner—

discoursed with him-his wife-

3 3d day morning I sought the Lord was helped, set on my writing heart-circumcision, John Holdworth came, after dinner I went to Will Clays—old Jon Priestly came we discoursed he borrowed my horse to Sowerby—I durst not goe—Naylor Hopkin came for window-mony, 5sh—

4 4th day morning I set myself to spend the forenoon in prayer to god—read chapters—fell down on my knees 4 or 5 times did somthing but was disturbed by Mr Ellison and Sam Waterhouse coming for collection, writ some in my book, Mr Tho Waterhouse called on

me-

5 5th day morning I waited on god in my chamber, prayd twice in the house once before Susan went to her friends in Howarth parish—then with my wife—studyed, writ in afternoon Ab Milners daughter came—I discoursed

with her god helpt in my chamber-

6 6th day morning I writ a little in my book, then writ a letter to Ms Sharp—after dinner Jeremy Clay went with me, I rid to Lower Brear discoursed with Abraham Milner and his wife about their son hanged at Cambridg prayd with them, visited Mary Appleyard—went to Jonathan Threaplands discoursed prayd with Phœbe his wife returned at 5 a clock—blessed be god—W Whitehead came

7 7th day morning I gaue myself to god writ a letter to Cozen Angier 3 children came of Jo Craven to be catichized, my wife and I spent some time in prayer—Mr Jo Brooksbank came—Charles Hughs I had little time for study—

8 It day morning I sought the Lord, went to my chappel, read 2 Chron 10—prayd preacht on 1 Cor 2 2 was somthing helpt—at night my nephew Willm Whitehead repeated prayd in the family largely affectionatly blessed be god—I received a latin letter from Elkana Bury—

9 2d day morning I committed my kinsman to god in prayer—sought the Lord in my chamber—family studyed part of a sermon, my wife and I were invited to dinner to Mr Joseph Crowthers, had Ed Slater Jo Bently his wife, Mr Parker—discoursed returned home—Mr Brook Scrivener came—we discoursed—

3d day morning I should have gone to the funeral of Abigail Hodgson, but durst not venture, but lent my horse to Willm Clay stayd at home studied all day on Luk 34 32 was helpt—called on god morning noon and night—

4th day morning I sought the Lord—fell to my study—god helpt I finisht that subject that day John Holdworth got my horse removed, I went to Susan Butler discoursed prayd with her, at night on my knees mentioned Divine perfections—

12 5th day morning having sought the Lord I writ a letter to my son John—visited Willm Clay, John Learoyd Mary Northen—took horse rid to Westercroft, visited Jon Priestly, Mary Priestly, John Craven, Martha Bins, sate with two J Ps returned home about 5 a clock—

13 6th day morning I committed myself to god, made ready old Jon Priestly called on me, we rid to Halifax—had an Exercise Mr Nat Priestly preacht on 11 25 I preacht on Luk 24 32 god helpt, dined at John Cooks we returned

7th day morning hauing sought the Lord I set my self to study god helpt till noon, Han Laycock came, Martha Bins with 4 children whom I catichized, John Milns, Sarah Learoyd—my wife and I spent some time in prayer—god helpt15 1t day morning I committed myself to god went to my chappel read 2 Chron 11 expounded prayd preacht on 1 Cor 2 2 finisht that text Mr Slater and others came in

at night--

2d day morning which was that very day 68 years agoe that my wife was born—I sought god writ in my book of heart-circumcision—writ a letter to London—Jon Priestly came—Charles Hughs workt for us—received letter from London

17 3d day I sought the Lord Willm Clay came in the morning—I studyed—Mary Northen took me off—then Joshua Wright came—but I studyed a sermon for

following day—

4th day morning I committed my self to god my wife and I with Willm Clay rode to Josh Wrights where we had our monthly fast, himself Jon Priestly, Mr Wright prayd I preacht on Heb 12 10 prayd so returned home—

5th day morning having sought god Jo Holdworth came —I studyed all forenoon—after dinner I went to Will Clays, John Learoyds Mr John Fournesse came for

mercury—none else molested us—

20 6th day morning having prayd I set on my study—was helpt—after dinner my wife and I walkt to Jer Baxters discoursed with his wife called at Thomas Bentlys—Abraham Scot came did some work for us about the chimney—

7th day morning I found grace in gods sight, I writ letters—studyed—about noon came Dr Coulton his wife, Tho Fawber of York—we discoursed, Dr and I went to prayer together in my chamber, they lodgd with us—I

had a letter out of Lanc-

22 1t day morning I waited on god, Mr Coulton prayd in the family—went to chappel I expounded 2 Chron 12 prayd preacht in forenoon on Jer 8 6—Mr Coulton in

the afternoon on Act 20 24 —

23 2d morning we got up but my wife was very sick, burned, vomited, purged, was sore pained, Mr Coulton went to prayer in the family, he his wife, Thomas Fawber went away for Wakefield, Mr Noble came just then, we went to prayer in my chamber, he dined with us afternoon I studyed—writ—

3d day morning after seeking god I writ a letter to Mr 24 Gowland at London, 2 letters to York, after dinner visited Willm Clay, writ in my book Jo Priestly came to me-found mercy-

4th day morning I found assistance, prepared for a 25 journey John Sonier came for me I rid to Halifax, we had a private fast at Isaac Longbothoms for Hanna Holden, John Cook Mr Bairstow prayd I preacht on Heb 12 10-prayd, discoursed returned home, found my wife better, blest be god-

5th day morning after seeking god-I set upon writing 26the Answer to the Qu How shall a soul know that he profits by the rod? made progresse in it—visited W

Clay—called at Jo Learoyds had mercy—

6th day morning I committed myself to god, he helpt— 27writ all day on Heb 12 10-mans profit by the rodfinisht it, afternoon came John Priestlys wife—sate

with us, visited my wife-

7th day morning I sought the Lord, set upon writing 3 28letters into Lanc-Mr Brook Scrivener came I paid him-John Hanson-I gaue him 5 li for Bingley, John Bury came-my wife and I went to prayer in my chamber—blessed be god—I studyed—

It day morning I sought god-went to my chappel 29 expounded 2 Chron 13 prayd preacht all day on Jer 8 6—severall dined with me—some stayd with us at

night-discoursed-

2d day morning Jer Baxter came to talk with me about 30 a school master-I withdrew into my chamber John Holdworth came, Sam Holdworth, Willm Clay I writ in my Treatise of profit by affliction for Lady Hewleyhad mercy

October, 1700.

1 | 3d day morning I sought the Lord, writ 3 letters to London, Josh, Sam Stocks came a mossing I writ in my 20 particulars in Ans to ease of conscience, found mercy, morning, noon, night in seeking god

4th day morning having sought the Lord I set to my study writ in my book, after dinner went to Will Clays Jo Learoyds, returned to my study, about 3 a clock was called down, my son El was come, young Jon Priestly and his wife I sate converst with them

5th day morning my son went to prayer in the family, I in my closet, afterwards he and I spent some time in my chamber in seeking god, he went away, I writ 2 letters to Attercliffe John Bury called, Jon Priestly sen came I sought my dear Lord

4 6th day morning having sought the Lord I set to my study for Lords day, finisht prayd and god helpt me

noon and night, writ a letter

7th day morning I sought the Lord writ two letters into Lanc, in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, I was very unprofitable, fell on my knees wept sore, Susan came home told us John Crowther of Stopes was dead that day, and Judith Warrel suddenly

6 It day morning god helpt in prayer I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 14 prayd preacht on Jer 8 6 finisht that of (what haue we done) Mr Slater came in

at night, others

7 2d day morning hauing sought god I set to my work of writing my 20 particulars for L H of profiting, was something helped morning noon, night in prayer, E W came to discourse with me about soul affairs.

8 3d day morning after seeking god I set upon writing out
40 Experiments for L Hewly finisht them, went to W
Clays Jo Learoyds after dinner, discoursed writ returns

of prayer for my wives recovery

9 4th day morning I committed myself to god, went to the funerall of John Crowther of Staups, dined with the rest of the company, went not to church but went to prayer with his wife, returned at 3 a clock Jon Priestly came, Eliezer Tetlaw

5th day morning after I had sought god I set upon my study for Lords day, writ a letter Phœbe Dawson and her son called, then M Dawson sen and his wife came, stayd a season, then his son Joseph came then Mr Tho Wainman came dined with us, went to prayer with us,

I returned to my study, sought the Lord

11 6th day morning after I had put my soul into gods hands I set upon writing and studying my sermons for Lords day was helped, then writ a consolatory letter to Mtris Maud of Wakefield yet after dinner walkt to John

Learoyds, received a letter from my son John of his

7th day morning I was helpt, had mercy set a writing 12 an Epistle before my M S to my Lady H was interrupted by J P, R C, D Gill, M Brooksbank M Bins with 3 children for catichizing, yet my wife and I spent some time in prayer, Th Bently came I writ a letter to York

It day morning I committed my self to god in prayer, 13 went to my chappel, read 2 Chron 15 prayd preacht on Act 2 37, god helpt blessed be his name, a woman came in trouble of spirit at night, I discoursed with her

14 2d day morning I committed myself to god writ returns of prayer, then prepared to goe to dine at Jon Priestlys at Wintridge and had Mr Nath Priestly, his father brothers Josiah Stansfield his wife &c dinner, discoursed

3d day morning I sought the Lord studyed, Jer Baxter 15 came, after dinner went to Susan Butler 86 y of age yesterday, and that day 50 years agoe was I ingaged to Coley people, Sam Drake came, Cozen Thomas Wools-

tenholm came, lodged with us

16 4th day morning I committed my self to god, we had our monthly fast at our house had many people Jon Priestly jun prayd, James Tetlaw, Mr Wright prayd I preacht on Gen 22 8 prayd, god helpt, we dined them,

it was a good day, blessed be god

5th day morning I was something inlarged, but alas 17 omitted prayer before dinner, being hastily called down studyed, writ directions for Bibles, went discoursed prayd with Mary Drake called of Willm Clay had some mercy, I was much inlarged in duty

6th day morning I sought the Lord, god was gracious, 18 I studyed writ some letters, papers went to John Learoyds after dinner, Jonas Northen brought coals, towards evening Sam Holdworth came brought me letters from York

19 7th day morning I sought the Lord, writ 2 letters Abr Scot came, Robt Walker, John Hanson after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer Mtris Priestly of York called, Jer Wilkinson at our school, I sought

god, writ a letter to my Lady Middleton

20 It day having put myself into gods hands I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 16 expounded prayd preached on Act 2 37 finisht my discourse of heart-pricking, Mr R

Shaws daughter came

21 2d day morning I sought the Lord would have studyed but was hindred, framed somewt after dinner my wife and I walkt to Susan Baxter delivered the day before, thankt god for her called at Ab Whitwams Sam Holdworth Tho Bentlys, old Jon: Priestly came

22 3d day morning I sought the Lord set upon my work, studyed hard all day stirred not to the door, Willm Clay came, I had mercy in my addresse to the throne

of grace

23 4th day morning I committed myself to god John Lum came for me, we went by Savil Green called of Esther Brig, discoursed prayd with her, so rid to Stephen Halls, I prayd preacht in the chappel on Gen 22 8, dined at

St Halls so returned home blessed be god

5th day morning I was somthing helped in prayer, studied, had mercy, at noon god drew out my heart exceedingly for the church at night I heard of the Kings return, composed a difference betwixt John Pamsden and Samuel Holdworth blessed be god, Jer Baxter came

25 6th day morning having sought god I studied severall came in I went to my chappel, read Act 20 prayd preacht on Isai 53 11 to a very few it was a very sore

rain. Mr Wright and his brother stayd

7th day morning my heart was a little affected I writ 4 letters in the forenoon, into Lanc, &c in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer together, J R came, talkt with my wife, tho I saw him not

27 It day morning I committed myself to god went to my chappel, read Zach 11 prayd preacht on 1sai 53 11 administred the Lords supper, dined many, had help

28 2d day morning hauing sought the Lord I set upon studying on 1 Cor 14 20 god helpt, Ch Hughs came, I stirred not out John Holdworth came I paid him 35sh for my horse and friends horses, 19 this year

29 3d day morning I sought the Lord, set upon my study but writ two letters sent to Halifax for my son El, went after dinner to W Clays John Learoyds, afternoon writ

two letters for York, received 2 letters

- 30 4th day morning I purposed to spend all the forenoon in prayer to god began about 7 a clock continued till 12 only interrupted with breakfast, family-duty, catichizing 2 children in the afternoon came old Jon Priestly, I studied
- 5th day morning I studied after seeking god had mercy, then went to my chappel, preacht a sermon to young people, severall others came, upon 1 Cor 14 20, was helped, distributed 20 catichisms, a Bible, severall came to my house discoursed

Aobember, 1700.

1 6th day morning I sought my dear Lord he helpt me I set upon my study for Lords day was assisted, Charlés Hughs trimd me, Joseph Milnes said his psalms

7 th day morning having prayd in my chamber family I set to my study forenoon, after dinner read in Mr Smiths book, Martha Bins came with 2 children whom I catichized, my wife and I prayd together, at night Mr Joseph Heywood came and his brother Nathan, lodged with us he prayd

3 It day morning having sought the Lord I went to my chappel read and expounded 2 Chron 1 7 Mr Joseph Heywood went up prayd preacht on Psal 34 8, we dined, I went to chappel Baptized Nathan son of Jeremiah Baxter, J H preacht again on same text repeated at

night, his brother Nathan prayd

4 2d day morning I sent Mr Joseph Heywood and his brother away with my blessing and prayers, set upon my study for the day following, god helpt Willm Clay came after dinner, we discoursed I returned to my study

5 3d day morning I sought the Lord studyed, went to my chappel read Neh 6 prayd praised god, preacht on Psal 145 4 god helpt, there was a considerable congregation,

blessed be god

6 4th day morning having sought the Lord I writ in my Book of heart-circumcision after dinner went to Susan Butler discoursed prayd with her, returned to my writing-work—

7 | 5th day morning I sought the Lord in the morning, at noon night—in my poor manner, I stayd at home all day—writ in my treatise of heart-circumcision—

8 6th day morning I sought the Lord studied for Lords day—prayd before dinner, after I went to Willm Clays—Jo Learoyds—Mary Patrick came, old Jon Priestly—

sate with me

9 7th day morning I sought the Lord fell to my study M
Brooksbank came I prayd with catichized two children
—after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer
—John Hansons wife came—I received 3 letters from
severall places—

10 1t day I committed my soul to god, received a letter from Mr Tho Jollie—went to chapel read 2 Chron 18 commented on it—prayd preached on Act 2 37 had help—Jo Priestly came at night discoursed of Mr

Smiths book I sought god—

2d day morning having prayd in my poor manner—I set upon writing the paper to Mr Whitaker that old Mr Jollie had sent me concerning Craven busines writ a letter to him, to Mr Thorsby, to Ms Ledgard—all which took up most of the day—only after dinner W Clay came—

3d day morning I committed my self to god and being summoned with the rest of coppyholders to the Duke of Leeds stewards Mr Empson, Scot, to Jeremiah Batlys in Lightliff Willm Clay John Holdworth went with me we were sworn to the new Lord—paid 2sh returned—I sought god—my son and daughter came that night—

4th day morning I sought god in the house—my son John went to prayer in the family—we went to Jon Priestly jun—to our monthly fast—he prayd—my son—Jon Priestly sen—I preacht on Gen 22 8 god helpt in

prayer—returned home—some visited us—

5th day morning being raised—I sought in the house my son John prayd in the family—I committed him and his wife to god they took horse about ten a clock I went to my study writ of heart-circumcision kept house—was very short-winded, being a frost—

6th day morning having sought the Lord I read—writ somthing out of Mr Smiths book then writ in my treatise of heart-circumcision, my wife and I went to

an upsetting dinner at Jerem Baxters dined with Mr Joseph Crowther, returned catichized Jo Bins daughter 7th day morning I was somthing helped did somthing 16 in the forenoon but to little purpose after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer I writ somthing in my book of heart-circumcision had some mercy in the close of the dav-

It day morning I sought the Lord went to my chappel read 2 Chron 19 expounded prayd preached all day upon Heb 2 37 finisht it in the afternoon-had much

mercy-

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2d day morning I sought the Lord—read writ forenoon 18 -- afternoon Willm Clay and Joshua Wright met at my house discoursed long about his taking John Clay prentice, but then we could make nothing of it—so they parted betwixt 3 and four and I spent the rest of the time in my study-

3d day morning after I had put myself into gods hands by prayer I writ a letter to London, then two to York about pressing busines—which took up most of my

time-that day-

20 4th day having prayd I set to my study received 2 letters-John Craven, Jeremiah Baxter-old Jonathan

Priestly came hindring me in my studys-

5th day I sought god studyed -- after dinner went to 21 Willm Clays John Learoyds, Willm Sharp came—James Tetlow—sealed a Bond—I went to my study could doe little-

6th day morning having committed my soul into gods 22 hands I fell close to my study kept close to it all day at noon and evening sought my dear Lord—had mercy 7th day morning hauing sought god I writ three letters 23

into Lanc-studyed a little but was oft called down-Joshua Stansfield &c came Charles Hughs - Mercy Woodhead with her children to be catichized—Tho Hammond-my wife and I prayd in my chamber-I writ a letter into Lincolnshire

1t day morning having committed myself to god I went 24 to my chappel read 2 Chron 20-prayd preached on Jer 3 1 all day catichized in morning and at night-severall dined with us25 | 2d day morning after seeking god I writ two letters one to Mr T Jollie, and to Mr Ask Willm Clay came after dinner—I writ some in my Treatise of heart-circumcision—old Jonathan Priestly came—Robt Clayton—

26 3d day I stayd at home all day prayd morning, noon, night—writ considerably in my book of heart-circumcision—towards night Abraham Scot and Joseph Bates came with a wainload of timber 8 oxen and an horse—

laid in our barn—came in—drank with us—

27 4th day morning I designed spending the forenoon in prayer, but Jer Baxter came—then John Holdworth Arthur Hey—afternoon Joshua Wright and Willm Clay came—made a bargain for John Clay to be apprentice hindred me most of the afternoon—

28 5th day morning I had mercy—studyed part of a sermon—after dinner went to Willm Clays where we had the young mens conference—they spake well in mentioning aboue 20 sins—spiritual sins—I prayd before and after,

catichized a lad—paid Ben Stocks 6 sh

29 6th day morning god helpt—I was puzzled in my studying in the forenoon—at noon god greatly melted my heart—but was called off to dinner—in afternoon I was assisted in my study blessed be my gracious god

7th day morning I committed my soul to god—studyed part of a sermon—afternoon my dear wife and I spent some time together in prayer—tho we were disturbed by a travelling seaman—I received a letter from London from Mr Gowland and another from John Hemingway at Attercliff

December, 1700.

1 1t day morning I sought my Lord went to my chappel read 2 Chron 21—spake to it—preacht on Jer 3 1 had help—had notice to pray for 3 persons, heard of the death of Sarah Northen one of our communicants

2 2d day morning I committed my self to god set to my work of writing in heart-circumcision—stayd at home all day—was helped at noon—was invited to the funeral

of Sarah Northen

3 3d day morning I sought the Lord, writ a letter to my son El—should haue gone to the funerall of Sara Northen—sent Susan, Jo Holdworth got my horse shod,

Henry Naylor and his niece Mary Eastwood visited us upon speciall occasion-went away about 2 a clock-Ant Lea came, his daughter

4th day morning I sought god—set upon the text given for funerall sermon bungled at praying at noon-Willm Clay came, Mr Jonathan Wright discoursed of many things—I sought god

5 5th day morning I did seek god-but at noon was shut up—wofully distracted—after dinner came Joseph Wilkinson, thats to be our Schoolmaster I sent him to

Jer Baxter

6 6th day morning I found mercy in gods eyes in duty was somthing helped at noon, after dinner went to Willm Clays John Learoyds, had one Elcock come to me a begging from the Isle of Eli for a burning I gaue him 2 sh

7th day morning I committed my self to god writ a letter to A Bolton-after dinner I and my wife pravd together in my chamber Jo Milns wife, sons came to say psalmes, chapt., old Jon Priestly came sate with me, I received two letters from my son John, W Woolstenholm 8

1t day morning I sought god went to my chappel read 2 Chron 22—prayd preacht on Job 7 8 a funerall sermon for Sarah Northen we were 11 at dinner-god helpt, I

had a letter from Cozen Rich Heywood

9 2d day morning having sought the Lord in my chamber family—I set myself upon reading chapters—writing two letters to London to Mr Stretton, Ms Archer-was most of the forenoon therein—sought god at noon—

night—writ some in Heart-circumcision

10 3d day morning I committed my self to God tossed about a text-could not-but writ out my book of heart-circumcision—after dinner W Clay sate with me —I returned to my study—writ a letter to my son John had some help in prayer

4th day morning I committed my self to the Lord-11 Eliezer Tetlaw came for me-I rode to James Tetlaw to our monthly fast himself James Oates old Jon Priestly prayed, I preached on Gen 49 4 prayd, so

returned—but rested ill that night

12 5th day morning I was helpt a little at noon studyed sermons all day-god helpt-Jo Bently sent us 6 head of teales

13 | 6th day morning I put myself into gods hands studyed for Lords day—begun a sacramentall discourse for Warly-people, W Clay came after dinner—I lent him my discourse of heart-circumcision—went on with Warly-work

7th day morning after devotion I finisht my writing for Warly-people—writ to them sent it by Susan—after dinner Martha Bins with 2 children to say psalmes—we went into my chamber, my wife prayd Jo Priestly sen disturbed us, we went down—Joshua Stocks repaired chappel went up again—I prayd with my wife

15 It day morning having committed myself to god—I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 23 prayd preacht on Jer 3 1 all day, Mr Wright and his wife &c dined with us—I finisht that text—had the contribution

2d day morning I sought the Lord—set upon the work of writing my sermons the day past for Mtris Maud of Wakefield—upon the request of Mary Morly writ some —John Hartly borrowed 10 sh of me—Jer Baxter came about school-windows, cost 2sh 6

3d day morning I sought god—set upon studying a sermon—was sore puzzled—yet took pains it being in my ordinary course last verse of 1sai 53—writ a letter to Mr Coulton—no body came at me—but a woman to pray for her son in small pox in Jagger I had a letter from Mr Timothy Jolly

4th day morning—after closet and family-prayer I resolved to spend that forenoon in secret prayer was helped in my personal affairs about an hour, in praying for Relations—congregation—but in church matters Mr Priestly came—disturbed me—came after

19 5th day morning after seeking I set upon my studying sermons had good successe, dispatched my work for the day following—Lords day—sought god at noon at night had no distraction

20 6th day morning I sought the Lord—god helpt writ a letter to old Mr Jollie—Nath Holdens maid came I sent it by her—Sam Holdworths maid—I went to my chapel read Mark 15 prayd preacht on Isai 53 12—god helpt—returned home studyed—I had very few

21 7th day morning I sought the Lord—god helpt writ 5 letters that day—Willm Clay came full of trouble—we

discoursed I had a letter from Mr Coulton-my wife

and I prayd-god helpt

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It day morning after seeking god I went to my chappel read Mat 26 prayd preacht on Isai 33 13 administred Lords supper Mr Wright preacht on Rom 8 14

23 2d day morning after secret and family dutys I writ a letter to J W—some in my Treatise of Sovereign-grace -after dinner W Clay came I rid down to Jon Priestlys of Westercroft discoursed with him in his distemperreturned-sought the Lord

3d day morning we rose early—I was helpt—forenoon I writ in my treatise of sovereign grace after dinner walkt to Willm Clays-Joseph Northens John Learovds returned—Tho Schofield—Josh Wrights man came-I sent letter by him

4th day morning I found some help--weak at noon Joshua Stocks came with his lad to say Catich-Robt France to pay me a legacy of John Marsdens Thomas

Hammond came—I writ some in my book

5th day morning after prayer came John Stocks Joseph Holdworth blooded my horse then came with besoms from Bingley dined with us we had young (mens) conference at Willm Clays-god helpt us with mercys agt spiritual wickednes

6th day morning I sought the Lord he came in to my soul--at noon George Ramsden my tenant came brought me £1 Mary Lupton came discoursed with me about sitting down at Lords supper—I prayd with her in my

chamber, god helpt-blessed be god

28 7th day morning I sought the Lord studied god helpt after dinner we resolved to spend some time in prayer, my wife begun, prayd sweetly in the close somebody knockt at the door it was John Gummersall and his wife-prevented my praying stayd most of the afternoon-but I sought god alone

1t day morning having sought god I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 24 expounded prayd preached on Psal 119

96—both Ends god helpt—blessed be god

2d day morning I sought the Lord set myself to seek 30 god writ in my book of soveraign grace Mary Brooksbank came—discoursed after dinner I walkt to Susan

Butler, discoursed prayd with her-returned, writ-was

3d day morning I found some help writ all day in my 31 book of soveraign grace only was called down to catichize a lad-prayd after dinner-had some help

January, 1700

1 | 4th day of the week I sought the Lord, writ a letter to my son John-prepared went to my chappel preacht on 1 Cor 14 20 catichized children distributed 10 Bibles in my house John Ramsden stayd-J Robinson came gaue

5th day morning I sought the Lord writ in my book- 2 at noon Mr Joseph Wilkinson and his father came with Jer Baxter-dined with us I went with them to John Learovds for his tabling returned—studyed—god helpt

6th day morning I committed my affairs to god-found mercy in the morning and noon J Baxter came to tell me of his childs death-I went to W Clays-studyedordered the former years accounts-letters &c

7th day morning I sought god—set upon writing a letter to J S—then came Eli Fenton desired me to write to his father, Mr Jollie, Susan Hall came—I lent her 4li—my wife and I spent some time in prayer sweetly

1t day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read 2 Chron 25 prayd preacht on Psal 119 96,

both ends finisht it was a considerable snow

2d day morning I sought god-set to write in Soveraign 6 grace, was taken off writ a letter to London another to Leeds-my wife went to Jer Baxters who buryed his child-Susan to Halifax-Jer Priestly came sate a good while—catichized a lasse

3d day morning I sought god-writ all day without 7 disturbance in my book of soveraign grace-had good successe-my heart was a little melted at noon for Zion

4th day I sought the Lord should have been at month-8 fast at Ant Leas but durst not goe, it being a great snow—I studyed part of a sermon—severall came Willm Clay S Drake it was a very snowy day

5th day morning I sought the Lord should have been at Wadhouse denyed, stayd at home—studyed all day

my sermons-stirrd not out of all day

10 | 6th day morning I sought the Lord—studyed hard my sermons all the forenoon—afternoon writ a full letter to Mr Chorlton Brother Hilton—was somthing helped in prayer

11 7th day morning I sought god finisht my letters after dinner W Fenton came from Pudsey—Dan Wilkinson, John Learoyd—my wife and I were helped in praying

together

12 It day morning having committed my self to the Lord I went to my chappel, read 2 Chron 26 prayd preacht on Heb 10 22 the text that M Bins gaue me—had help both in studying and inlarging old J Priestly &c dined with us—we were 15 at dinner

13 2d day morning I sought the Lord—writ in my book of soveraign grace, sought the Lord for Zion before dinner our new schoolmaster came, and Willm Clay—I fell

again to my work-god helpt therein graciously

14 Sd day morning I sought the Lord, then writ—finisht my book of Soveraign grace writ little part of Epistle in afternoon came Mr Bairstow Elkanah Bury—Bin wife—daughter to say Catich—Mary Priestly with her rent

4th day morning after seeking god I finisht my Epistle before Soveraign-grace, lookt over it corrected it, sought god at noon—after noon lookt over part of my diary for the former year then committed myself to god—had

a letter from John

5th day morning I sought the Lord—went on most of the day in reviewing my diary and ordering accounts only before dinner my heart was somthing carryed out for the church it was a bad day yet Susan went to Halifax

6th day morning I committed my self to god in private, family did somthing in my study—we had appointed a private fast in my house for Mary Maud—W Walker her father came Willm Clay, Tho Bently, John Learoyd prayd I preacht on Psal 27 13, prayd—it was a good day blessed be god

7th day morning after duty I writ 2 letters into Lanc—writ received notes—M Brooksbank came—Charles Hughs—afternoon my wife and I prayd together in my chamber—had mercy—after that I writ a letter to Mr

T Jollie

19 1t day morning I sought the Lord—went to my chappel read 2 Chron 27 prayd preacht on Heb 10 22—god helped—Mr Oates of Chickenly came—stayd all night, had much discourse—I omitted duty in secret—Lord forgiue

20 2d day morning I could not come into my chamber because Mr Oates lodged in it—went to prayer in the family—would have prayd after in my chamber but was sore straitened—ordered my receits for return of

money-studyed a little

21 3d day morning I sought the Lord—writ a letter to Mr Gowland inclosed 11 acquittances John Priestly came, I had given him a bill of Return the night before—he took my letter—I studyed but poorly— prayd—noon night had some help

22 4th day morning I sought the Lord had some help—got

upon studying sermons—god helpt—yet at noon was distracted—found assistance towards night blessed be god 5th day morning I sought the Lord, studied for sermon for conference, and at noon, at or after 2 a clock came my young men to conference Solomon Holdworth prayd, they spoke well to the Qn. wt improvement must we make of the work of Redemption I shut up all with singing an hymn, praying

24 6th day morning after seeking god I writ a letter to my son Eliezer, studyed, in afternoon came Lydia Wood with a lad to say Catich—John Smith to say Psalmes— Willm Clay &c I studyed some but was often called off

7th day morning I sought god studyed some Joshua Stansfield came—discoursed I catichized 4 children gaue Bibles—afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, old Jonathan Priestly Anthony Lea met at my house—stayd long

26 | 1t day morning I was helped in secret—family went to my chappel—read 2 Chron 28—prayd preacht on Heb 10 22 was helped beyond my naturall strength found mercy—blessed be god—severall came in at night

27 2d day morning after secret and family-prayer I set my self to write a letter to Mr Ledgard of Leeds which cost me some study and pains in writing, after dinner W Clay came—I went to my chamber, and studyed part of a sermon

28 3d day morning after secret and family-prayer I set my self to read and note som things out of Mr Smiths book, was vexed with it—after noon studyed part of a sermon—John Learoyd visited me—I sought god

4th day morning I sought god—Jer Baxter came after family-dutys I went to my study—did little, John Holdworth came—went again sought god for Zion—M D after dinner our schoolmaster came—I went to my study

Will Clay sate with me there a good while

30 5th day which was K Ch 1 martyrdom—after my secret and family-dutys I purposed to spend some time alone in prayer for the nation—did begin was dull—called down by my wife to 2 women who came, a message from John Crowthers wife dying to pray for her, which I did with them in my family, after dinner was helped in spending some time alone in prayer, and did somthing in my study

31 6th day morning hauing sought god, I set upon my work, forenoon they came to invite me or my wife to the funerall of Mtris Crowther, my wife went to visit Mary Drake, Old Jon Priestly his son Jonathan, Mr Eli Dawson visited me came about 2 a clock stayd till

after 4

February, 17 00

1 7th day morning hauing sought the Lord, I set my self to write for Mary Drake Characters of a soul poor in spirit upon Mat 5 3 then writ 2 notes to Halifax, after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer very comfortably I puzzled in my studying could do little, Mtris Northen came

2 1t day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read 2 Chron 29 prayd preacht on Heb 10 22 on a true heart, we had 8 at dinner, at night A Naylor

stayd told me sad storys of Enoch Halsted

3 2d day morning I sought god, set upon my writing for my friends in Warly, writ all day my wife went to the funerall of John Crowthers wife of Stawps, I stayd at home

4 3d day morning hauing sought the Lord I fell to writing my Warly-directions, was on my knees but called down to dinner, Mtris Dawson her son Eliezer Ms Phæbe

Dawson, her man, came stayd a good while I went to

my work finisht it, sought god

5 4th day morning I sought the Lord intended to spend some time in prayer that forenoon, but Jer Baxter came, Benjamin Denton came dined with us, Will Clay, towards evening Mr Nath Priestly, Mr John Fournesse came, sate, I writ a letter to my son John

6 5th day morning I sought god, studyed on a new text, god helpt after dinner my wife and I went to see Mary Drake, I discoursed prayd with her, called of John

Hartly, old Jon Priestly came, sate a good while

6th day morning after seeking god I fell to my study tewed hard, could doe little, writ a letter to Mr B, Dan Tempest came I catichized his lad, gaue him a bible,

our schoolmaster, Mr Oates man

8 7th day morning after seeking god I set myself to write to Cozen Angier, to Warley-people, could doe little at my study, Grace Ramsden came, and Mary Bently, James Oats wife with her son to be catichized I gaue him a Bible—my wife and I spent some time in prayer in afternoon

9 It day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read 2 Chron 30 prayed preached on Heb 10 22 of a true heart, finisht that subject, Mr Ed Slater came

at night

2d day morning I sought the Lord, had mercy writ a letter to Mr Thorsby catichized M Day gaue a bible, John Bothomly came with rent, Willm Clay, old Jon Priestly brought money, Willm Fenton and his wife came, brought legacy from Ms Hutton left me by Ms

Sale, 20sh, my sons came

3d day morning because my sons were in my chamber I kneeled down in the house, prayd some after our breakfast, prayd in the family, my son John prayd there then we went into my chamber, my sons and I spent forenoon together in prayer, after dinner they went away. I studyed

12 4th day morning having sought the Lord I set upon my study, was helped in some measure, after dinner walkt to Willm Clays John Learoyds Jonas Northens, gaue a Bible to Martha Priestly studyed, was helped, James

Greaues came

13 | 5th day morning I sought god set close to my studying sermons, was helped, at noon prayd no visitors came, went to my study in the afternoon about 4 a clock was

helped in prayer

14 6th day morning after putting my self into gods hands and doing somthing in my study I went to my chappel read John 19 prayd preacht on Isai 53 12 of Chts intercession Mr Jo Brooksbank dined with me, some friends sate with me, Abr Bolton came with sad news of Enoch Halsted

7th day morning I sought god, John Holdworth came, John Bently, Ant Lea, Grace Whitwam I was hindred yet writ two letters in forenoon 2 in afternoon to York, my wife and I were helpt to spend some time in prayer

sweetly

16 It day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read Psal prayd preacht on Chts intercession finisht Isai 53 12 administred Lords Supper had many at dinner, talkt with Ant Naylor about Enoch Halsted

2d day morning after prayer I set my papers in order, tound some assistance, afternoon J P came brought me money, I writ two letters one to York, another to

Manchester

18 3d day morning I put my self into god hands, I studyed part of a sermon, in afternoon was taken off with Anne Ambler Willm Northen Edward Denton coming found below

19 4th day morning hauing sought god I set upon writing my treatise of Chts intercession writ two leaues, Willm Clay came, John Bury to whom I gaue 3 li 10 sh, was

helpt

20 5th day morning having sought god I set myself to write in my book of Chts intercession, puzzled about it, yet god helpt at last I writ all day had no interruption,

sought god

21 6th day morning hauing put myself into gods hand I fell to my study, forenoon, afternoon came J Binnes wife with 2 children to be catichized say psalmes, Mr Jer Bairstow came for his money I found some help

7th day morning after I had committed my self to god, I writ 2 letters into Lanc, Sam Holdworth came with my horse, John Holdworth, Mary Brooksbank afternoon my wife and I spent some time together in prayer, I studied some

23 1t day morning I committed myself to god went to my chappel read 2 Chron 31 prayd preacht on Mark 9 44 was helped, at night Mr Slater came, I took leaue of him

24 2d day I committed myself to god, studyed writ in my book of Chts intercession in afternoon writ a letter to

my son John

25 3d day morning after seeking of God, and Lydia Booth helpt Susan in brewing washing I prayd in my family, set myself to write in my book of Chts intercession, John Craven came, Willm Clay, I sought the Lord

4th day morning I sought the Lord, Jer Baxter came, I then set upon writing in my book of Chts intercession

was helped found some assistance in prayer

5th day morning after waiting on God I set to my work of writing Christs intercession should haue [gone] to the funerall of Phœbe Threapland sent Susan, Jonas Northen came, John Learoyd Jonathan Priestly Sen, I was taken off, yet set to it again, sought god

28 6th day morning hauing waited on god I went down to family-prayer breakfast, Jo Craven came, I studyed writ in Chts intercession, after dinner my wife and I went to W Clays John Learoyds, Jonas Northens, Jon Priestly came I went down to him, studyed, prayd

March, 17 00

1 7th day morning after closet and family-work I studyed sermon for Lords day, in afternoon my wife and I went to prayer, after that Ant Lea called, John Smith to pay his debt, Willm Jackson for his son to say psalmes, I sought the Lord

2 1t day morning committing my self I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 32 prayd preacht on Mark 9 44 was helpt, we were ten at dinner, James Brooksbank came in at

night we discoursed

3 2d day morning having sought the Lord I set upon my work of writing of Chts intercession prayd writ a letter to Mr T Bradbury at Newcastle had some revivings

4 3d day morning after praying I set upon writing in my book of Chts intercession and prepared somthing for conference, at 2 a clock my young men came Eliezer

Tetley prayd, they all spoke to Chts kingly office, I discoursed largely, prayd, 2 lads said Psalmes, John Bury

4th day morning I sought the Lord, god helpt writ in 5 my book in forenoon, afternoon John Threapland came to desire me to preach his wives funerall sermon, I sate with him, sought god 6

5th day morning I found some help, studyed sermon for Lords day, Willm Clay came after dinner, I returned

to my study, god helpt I found some favours

7 6th day morning after seeking god I set myself to write a letter to Mr Gowland at London, studied Jonathan Priestly sen came in afternoon, I discoursed with him, my wife went to visit Th Bently daughter, John Clay, I was more stopt that day

7th day morning hauing sought god I set upon my work 8 studyed some, writ a note to A N, S Holdw orth came afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, Martha Bins came with a lasse to say Psalmes I was a

little helped again

It day morning I sought god went to my chappel, read 9 2 Chron 33 prayd preached a funerall sermon for Jon Threaplands wife upon Job 16 22 god greatly helpt, he dined with us, some came in at night

10 2d day morning having sought the Lord I set upon my work of writing Chts intercession, had no disturbance Jon Northen and Driver led coales I was something

inlarged towards night

3d day morning I sought god writ in my book of Chts 11 intercession our schoolmaster came at noon, Susan brought me 2 letters from my two sons, my son El had a son born last saturday March 8 at 6 a clock in the Evening

12 4th day morning, after family, closet prayer I was helped to spend the forenoon in prayer and praise, god helpt, after dinner visited Grace Whitwam, prayd with her, Mary Bently in small pox prayd with her, called at W Clays came home found Jon Priestly, told me the news, Henry Hodgson came about Shelues 13

5th day morning hauing sought the Lord I set my self to study for Lords day on Heb 10 22, was quiet all day

free from company God graciously helpt me

14 6th day morning I sought the Lord set upon writing a letter to my son El, then set on my study for Lords day, finisht what I had intended on Assurance, our schoolmaster Joseph Wilkinson came after dinner, brought a book

7th day morning after seeking god, I writ 2 letters into Lancashire James Scolfield came about busines, after noon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, were assisted, but I was perplext what text to take sought god

16 It day morning after I had committed myself to god I went to my chappel read 2 Chron 34, prayd preacht on Mark 9 44 finisht it, it was my quarter-day, 4li 2sh 6d giuen at table, we were 8 at dinner, some came in at night

2d day morning after seeking god I set myself to write in my Book of Chts intercession, writ a letter to Susan Butler, discoursed, prayd with her, returned to my work

18 3d day morning after prayer I set upon writing 2 letters to York, one to Lady Hewley, another to Dr Coulton, studyed writ a little in my book, W Clay came, Sam Holdworth, I had a grievous caugh disturbing in duty

19 4th day I sought the Lord set my self to write in my treatise, had free liberty, help only writ a letter to my son John, Eli Tetlaw came for it, I had mercy in secret

prayer

5th day morning I committed my self to god writ in my book, after dinner Jo Holdworth came I sate a little with him, fell to my work, was somthing baffled, went to prayer was helpt

21 6th day morning I sought the Lord found mercy, set upon my writing Chts intercession, I was puzzled the night before, now greatly helpt with matter our school-

master came, it was a great snow

7th day morning I sought god found mercy studyed, writ some in my book in afternoon my wife and I spent some time in prayer, Susan brought us 3 letters from London, Lancashire, my son Eli, wherein he gives an account of the death of his child

23 It day morning I committed my self to the Lord went to my chappel read 2 Chron 35, prayd preached on Heb 10 22, full assurance of faith, had mercy, though my wind was exceeding short, some came in at night told me the news of K James death

2d day morning I sought the Lord, writ in my book, 24 after dinner Willm Clay Sam Holdworth, Mary Northen came upon busines, I writ a letter to Leeds had some little help towards evening

3d day morning I prayd in my chamber family studyed 25 writ much in my book, attempted to pray at noon but could not, was so busy I forgot the day, my wife came

up at 4 a clock

4th day morning I sought god, James Brooksbank sent 26 his man Th Swain for me to ride to a private day at his house, I durst not goe, Mr Ab Hall called left 3li, Jo Learoyd and W Clay, I writ in my book, god helpt

in secret prayer

5th day morning having sought the Lord and coming 27 down to breakfast Mr Dawson and his wife came, he went to family-prayer, so went to Mr Priestlys with old Jon P and his two sons baptized Mr Priestlys son Thomas, in afternoon I had John Learoyd Willm Clay prayd in my chamber I concluded, we spent 4 hours in duty god helpt, they returned went to Winteridg 28

6th day morning I found help, writ in my book, got it writ out for subs our school master. Jer Baxter came,

god helpt me

7th day morning after closet family prayer I writ a 29 letter into Lanc found mercy, my wife and I prayd in the afternoon, Sam Holdworth, Ant Lea, John Bury came, I wrote another letter to Mr Wright, sent for

David Baxter a busines

1t day morning I went to my closet, read my chapters 30 went to my chappel and was overpowred prayd preacht on Heb 10 22 in full assurance of faith at noon got on horsback, rid to chappel, read the proclamation for fast rid home again, some friends stavd with me I finisht that subject

2d day morning having sought god I went down to 31 prayers came to my study went over proclamation Jer Baxter, John Learoyd, Willm Clay Alice Holdworth came to see me fearing I was worse than indeed I was I studyed

April, 1701.

3d day morning I sought the Lord, set upon studying sermons for Lords day, our schoolmaster came at noon Grace Burton in the afternoon, I discoursed with her went to my chamber, prayd. Mr Wright and his brother Joshua visited me in forenoon

4th day morning John Holdworth came for my horse after dutys I got him shod at Brierlys, Jon Priestly sen came brought a bottle of sack, I writ all day my script

for Warley, prayd had help

3 5th day morning I sought the Lord, went to my work writ out my writing for Warley people, so transcribed it W Clay came I studyed in afternoon sought the Lord,

was helpt

4 6th day morning I sought the Lord it was the publick fast Mr Wright begun, prayd preacht on Isai 62 67 I followed prayd preacht on Zech 13 8, god helpt, they dined with me Mrs Craven and Jonathan Farrar came after

7th day morning after closet family prayer I writ a letter with other papers into Warly came down, dined, my wife and I went up, spent some time sweetly in prayer, I studyed was helpt alone, blessed be god

1t day morning I sought the Lord went to my chappel read Ezra 1 prayd preacht on Heb 10 22 of an evil conscience, returned, M Mitchell her daughter stayd with me

7 2d day morning I sought god writ meditations as postscript to my book, at noon Mr Holdsworth his wife, Mrs Rhodes, her man, came, dined with us afterwards I took them into my chamber, he and I went to prayer with the company, they left us at 4 a clock

8 3d day morning I was helped, set myself to write a postscript and a preface to my book but was disturbed by Mary Brooksbank coming about busines of the world

9 4th day morning after seeking god Jer Baxter came at family prayer, I came to my study writ out my preface, was called down to Nathan Halsted who stayd dinner, I went to my study, corrected about the half of my book, sought god

5th day morning I sought the Lord, corrected my Book was called down to our schoolmaster payd him, then

Mr Joseph Hall came, I sate with him, went to my study, writ 3 letters to Mr Rotherham and my two sons did something at my study

11 6th day morning hauing sought god in chamber, in family, I went to my study, continued at work till Mary Sugden &c came went to chappel, prayd, read Zech 12 13 preacht on Mat 26 29 found help blessed be god

12 7th day morning I sought the Lord, afterwards studyed had help, in the afternoon my wife and I prayd together sweetly did god help and me a poor weak creature, Sam Holdworth came

13 It day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read Mark 15 prayd preacht on Mat 26 29, god helpt in administering the Lords supper JohnFosters two sons came to desire me to preach their fathers funerall sermon at Kipping I denyed as not able to goe so far

2d day morning I sought god, after family prayers walkt to Susan Butlers, discoursed, prayd with her, returned, corrected my book, finisht it, writ letters, W Clay, Jer Baxter came, I sent away my MS to the presse

15 3d day morning after secret, family dutys I set my self to collect my notes of sermons for some years into parcels, bundles, that putting them into method I might quickly find them, then found out a subject to write for H S according to her request and writ something of it in afternoon

4th day morning having sought god, Jer Baxter brought me a letter Ab Whitwham another from my son El, Jo Sonier told me of death of Susan Butler, buryed on friday, I to preach, I set my self to study sermons sought god, Mr Bairstow came in the afternoon

5th day morning after my poor devotion I set myself to study my Lord's day Sermons found help after dinner our schoolmaster came, after I writ in my 4 Questions, Answers, for H S—god helpt a little after 4 aclock, blessed be god, Mr Nathaniel Priestly and Mr John Fournesse came

18 6th day morning I sought the Lord set myself to the work of that day which was to preach a funerall sermon for old Susan Butler 87 years of age next Michaelmas, I went to my chappel about 11 a clock, prayd, preacht on Phi 3 9 retured, writ in my 4 Questions

19 7th day morning I sought the Lord, two John Holdworths came at Breakfast, Mary Brooksbank, I studyed in afternoon my wife and I prayd together, Joshua Stansfield called on me, I had 6 letters came to my hands, London, Lancashire, Craven &c

20 1t day morning I committed my self to god went to my chappel read Ezra 2 commented on it prayd preacht on Heb 10 22 on two parts bodys washt with pure water,

finisht the text that day, many people were there

21 | 2d day morning I was helpt in closet and family work, writ some in my Questions, studyed, at two a clock my young men came to our conference in my house, S or 9 spake well to the Qu—What is union with Cht, S H

prayd, I find them very hopefull, some wanting

22 3d day morning I sought god was helpt, studyed in fore noon, after dinner about one a clock came Willm Clay, Sam Holdworth, John Sonier, in whose company I baptized Hanna Crowther a young woman at Josh Stocks, preacht on Mat 3 11, Sam Holdworth prayd after, we had done by four, then I studyed, a young woman came to me in trouble of spirit.

4th day morning I sought god, studyed in the forenoon, after dinner John Craven went with me, I rid to Westercroft to visit Jon Priestly, discoursed prayd with him, returned about 4 a clock John Priestly with me,

studyed after

24 5th day morning having committed myself to god in closet family I set upon my study for Lords day it pleased god to assist me, at noon I was going to visit neighbours but Willm Clay and Samuel Drake prevented

me, sate with me I went to my study again

25 6th day I committed my self to god in closet in family went to my study writ 10 particulars in my book of Querys after dinner went to Willm Clays, discoursed prayd with them, called at John Learoyds Jonas Northens came home writ a letter to Mr Gowland transcribed disposall of 40 bible-catich

7th day morning I was helpt in my closet family and set upon writing 4 or 5 letters to London Lanc sealed them, after dinner walkt to Ab Whitwhams discoursed prayd with his wife Grace, then Martha Bins came with her lads, my wife and I were helpt in prayer,

then Mr John Brooksbank and his brother Mr Joseph of London came, sate with us a considerable time.

27 It day morning I committed myself to god went to my chapel, read Ezra 3 prayd preacht on 2 Cor 2 11 god graciously assisted, we were 10 at dinner, old Jon Priestly, his son Ant Lea stayd after Thomas Foster came to desire me to preach funerall sermon

28 2d day morning I committed my self to god, studyd writ in my Book of Querys about 11 a clock Jonathan Farrar of Sinderhills came for me, I rode thither, baptized his daughter Martha, returned home about 3 studyed writ sought god

29 3d day I sought, writ my Book of Questions, finisht it that day, after dinner came Willm Clay J Learoyd our schoolmaster, sate discoursed I returned to my work,

great rain that day

30 4th day morning I sought god, lookt over my M S, studyed some, but afternoon stuck close to my study for Lords day, had a letter from Mr Chorlton, sought god

May, 1701.

1 5th day morning I committed myself to god, studyed a little, Willm Wilkinson came for me, I rid with him to Collier-syke, preacht on Gal 3 27 baptized his daughter Hanna, and William son of Samuel Shepheard, dined with friends, returned at 5 a clock home, blessed be god

2 6th day morning hauing sought god, drunk my dietdrink, I set to my study, forenoon, afternoon Jon Priestly came, we discoursed, Margaret Milns came to

desire my prayers for John Smith our clark

3 7th day morning I found some help, studyed forenoon afternoon, my wife and I prayd together, god helpt

sweetly blessed be god-and at night

4 It day morning commending myself to god I went to my chappel read Ezra 4 prayd preacht all day upon 2 Cor 2 11—god helpt, made it a good day blessed be god

2d day morning hauing sought god I writ 2 letters to London, Mr Benj Denton came Willm Clay, James Brooksbank, Mr Waterhouse, Jon Priestly, Mr Abr Sharp, at last came my son El with his wife, much discourse we had

6 | 3d day morning I sought god, my son El prayd in the family—after that my son and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber sweetly, dined, we walkt to John

Learoyds, Willm Clays, I studyed a little

7 4th day morning I sought god—we discoursed then went to Willm Clays where we had a private fast my son began so went his journey—young Jon Priestly prayd—old Jonathan prayd I preacht on Psal 27 10 concluded—George Ramsden came

5th day morning I sought god—John Smiths wife and sister came—I set myself to study after dinner—Mr Joseph Dawson came to me—sate most of afternoon he and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber, I went

to my study—did somthing

9 6th day morning having sought my Lord I set to my study—was helped in some difficultys after dinner came Willm Clay Thomas Hammond discoursed I went again

to my work was helped

10 7th day morning after devotions—I writ a letter to Cozen Angier studyed after dinner came J Hemingway one of Mr Jollys schollers discoursed prayd with me I prayd with him—then my wife and I spent some time in prayer—I studyed

11 It day morning after seeking god I went to my chappel read Ezra 5—prayd preacht funerall sermon for John Foster of Denham, had some at dinner gathered for Clarks widow 30sh—some came after would have given

money but I refused it

12 2d day morning after closet and family prayer John Holdworth came with whom I discoursed, John Craven —then I set upon my work of liuing Cht—writ some

hours—god helpt

13 3d day morning I was helped, but at noon disturbed—I writ all day in my book of Christs life—or liuing Cht—Charles Hughs was here, Will Clay—our schoolmaster came

4th day morning came John Holdworth Joseph Wilkinson for my advice—Mr Byram and Nathan Heywood dined with us, Mr Byram and I went to prayer in my chamber—old Jon Priestly brought me bad news—Jonathan Farrar came about his dead child

- 15 | 5th day morning having sought god I set upon the writing my book of Liuing Christ, did make proficiency in afternoon my young men came to conference spake well of communion with Christ
- 6th day morning I sought god—set upon my work of writing Christians best life—after dinner I walkt to see Mary Drake prayd discoursed with her talked with John Hartly—called at Thomas Bentlys, Willm Clays my wife went to funerall of Jonathan Farrars child
- 7th day morning I sought god—had some mercy, writ a letter to Mr Kershaw in Craven—after dinner my wife and I spent some time together in prayer, god helpt Robt Clayton came—my maid brought me a letter from Mr John Gowland—it was very rainy
- 18 It day morning I committed myself to god—went to my chappel read Ezra 6 prayd preacht on 2 Cor 2 11 so finisht it—at night John Smiths wife mother came I gaue her 29sh collected 4 for rent—we discoursed about affairs as to her condition wch is sad—Ms Kennerlaugh writ
- 2d day morning I sought god then set upon my work of writing my book of Christ a Christian life—I had no disturbance of all day so kept close—before dinner I had some inlargment in pleading for church and nation blessed be god—writ a letter to Leeds
- 20 3d day morning I sought god—writ in my Book Jo Learoyd came told me the good news of prizing John Smiths goods that it would satisfy debts—I begun a little with my Sabboth days work—Josh Stocks came
- 21 4th day morning I had mercy—I set myself to study my sermons for Lords day and god helpt me—Willm Clay came after dinner—I studyed old Jon Priestly came upon necessary busines, I had mercy, that evening my son John came to us
- 5th day morning I went into my chamber was helpt in prayer my son prayed in the family—after that he and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber sweetly, he dined—went away—I studyed in afternoon—Jer Baxter came—discoursed
- 23 6th day morning sought the Lord, studied, we had appointed a private fast upon the account of Mary Kennedy about her children—John Learoyd Thomas

Bently Sam Holdworth Willm Clay prayd I preacht on

psal 62 5 prayd—Charles Hughs came

7th day fornoon after seeking god I studied some and writ two letters into Lancashire, dined, after dinner came Susan Hurd to talk with me about soul-concerns—then my wife and I went to prayer Mary Northen came with whom I had much talk about a weighty busines Mary Anely came from Sowerby to beg for her brother we gaue her 2sh—I writ a letter to London to Ms Archer—Ant Lea called with great news

25 It day morning I sought god went to my chappel read Ezra 7 prayd preacht a funerall sermon for Jonath Farrars child—both ends on 1 Kin 17 18 had help we had a collection for Mr Robt Stodhart of Babington in Northumberland—got 33sh many came in at night—I

writ the letter

26 2d day (that day 40 years agoe that my dear wife Elizabeth dyed) I was somthing affected in the morning writ in my book of Chts life—after dinner W Clay came—discoursed—that afternoon was spent in writing two

letters to York to Lady Hewly Dr Coulton

27 3d day morning after seeking god I set upon writing my Book of life of Chi—finisht it—after dinner went to John Learoyds Willm Clays, Ab Whitwam prayd, discoursed with his wife Grace—called at S Holdworths, Josh Stocks, so came home, Nathan Holdworth came, I studyed

4th day morning I committed myself to god Nath Lea came for me I went to High Bently—where we had our monthly fast, Ant Lea begun Jon Priestly jun Mr Jon Wright, James Tetlaw prayd, I preacht on Isai 64 7

prayd-returned home-weary

29 5th day morning having sought the Lord, John Medly mason and Daniel Shaw came to alter the range I studyed hard all the day—god helpt—I find it good to

wait on god

6th day morning after praying I set upon writing my half-sheet to Warly-people about the Lords supper had not any company but Joseph Wilkinson I studyed some of my Lords day sermons—2 letters from York

7th day morning I sought god writ a letter with my notes to my friends in Warley—studyed my sermon out

for Lords day—Mr Robt Wadington came, discoursed my wife and I prayd together I was helpt alone, blessed be god for his great mercy this month

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Cozen Willm Whitehead sent me 30 Books of Two worlds by

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Mr Parkhurst sent me 150 Books of Generall Assembly, 50 he gives me 100 I pay for 9d a book in all 3li 15sh—I received them Jan 2 1700 disposed them Jan 4

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5	Mr Willm Cotton		1	15	Susan Butle	er	1
6	Mtris Westby		1	16	Mary Stock		1
7	Mtris Taylor		1		Willm Clay		1
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10	Ms Cromwel		1	20	Isaac Long		

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On July 17 1701 I received 50 Books of the two Worlds from Mr Mat Pinkerton of Manchester cost me 12—6d=3d book.

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4	John Learoyd	•••	1	17	Jonathan Farrar		1
5	Jonas Northen	•••	1	18	Charles Hughs		1
6	John Sharp		1	19	John Bury	• • •	1
7	Mary Stocks	•••	1	20	Jon Priestly sen	•••	1
8	Judith Butler	•••	1	21	Jon Priestly jun		1
9	Thomas Bentley		1	22	Ant Lea		1
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13	Joshua Stocks	•••	1	26	Lydia Booth		1

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1701—having read the Bible over—I begun in Genesis and Jeremiah 1 reading two chapters in the morning and two at night—Sept 1 1701 read all latter to the Book of Revel—

begun again with former in Psal April 24 1701. Ant Lea hath Treatise of Angels, Mr Wrights storys

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June, 1701.

1 1t day morning having put myself into gods hands I went to my chappel read Ezra 8 commented prayd preacht a funerall sermon upon Phi 1 23 for John Smith our clark was helpt in some measure—severall came in at night

2 2d day morning after committing myself to god, I set upon writing an Epistle to H S discourse [d] to her of 4 Qu—entred on a text for Lords day and Friday—W

Clay came—John Craven workt for us

3 3d day I set upon studying my Lords day work, after seeking god—John Holdworth came had been bleeding my horse, after dinner our schoolmaster came—then I set on my work it was 3 or 4 terrible thundercracks rain about 3 a clock—John Learoyd came, discoursed a letter from London

4 | 4th day after my chamber work and reading my chap-[ter] Tho Bentlys daughter came roaring and crying while I was at Breakfast sd her mother was dying, I must needs goe to her after family-prayer I went—her wind was stopt—I discoursed prayd with her called at Willm Clays, returned studyed my sermons—near night Samuel Ellison of Preston came—lodged with us

55 5th day morning I prayd in my chamber came down discoursed with Samuel Ellison my old friend of Bramley went with my friend to see my chappel, returned, he went to prayer affectionately—Enoch Halsted came both dined with us, with E H I discoursed about his Scotland voyage—he went away I studyed finisht sermons for Lords day—it thundred

6 6th day morning I committed myself to god, Mary Sugden came—others, I went to my chappel prayd preached on Joh 20 27 to a considerable number came home discoursed with old J P, his son—Ester Tetlaw had busines with me, went into my chamber I writ a

letter into Lanc

7 | 7th day morning after secret prayer I writ two letters for Lanc—Cheshire—after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer—Isaac Balm came, then Mr Waterhouse came stayd all night—old Jon Priestly, we

discoursed freely—Tho Farrand came

attacked recept—The Farland came

1t day morning I sought my chamber—family—went to
my chappel read Joh 19 preacht on Joh 20 27 administred the Lords supper to a full Assembly John Bury
sate down with us—we dined aboue 20 Mr Waterhouse
preacht in the afternoon on Isai 62 16 many could not
hear him for his low voyce, Mr John Brearcliff and
many others came in at night

2d day morning hauing sought god I writ a letter to London—studyed--visited John Learoyd Mr Waterhouse came I went to young mens conference in the chappel about Chts — preparation for judgment—Martha Bins

stayd discoursed I had mercy

3d day morning with some difficulty I committed myself to god—Tho Bently came then I went to James Wallis honse where we had a day of thanksgiuing for his wife James Wallis Sam Holdworth Thomas Bently prayed I baptized the child James preacht on 2 Sam 7 29 prayd returned

4th day morning I sought the Lord—found mercy Sam Holdworth came, Willm Clay—in afternoon Mr Thomas Johnson an ancient minister came to me discoursed about his case—he rode to Mr Priestlys of ovenden—I kept close to my study most of the day and was helped for Lords day

12 5th day morning having sought god I fell to my study did somthing in the forenoon after dinner went to John Learoyds being not well, discoursed prayd with him called at Jonas Northens—went to my study old Jona-

than Priestly came—we discoursed

6th day morning I prayd read my chapters, studyed but about 10 a clock comes Mr Kerby Wilson one of Mr Jollys schollers desired to be tabled with us I took him into my chamber—discoursed—set him on praying—I prayd—went to my chappel with him, gaue him Mr Nesses book agt Papists—he dined with us, John Holdworth came, I discoursed with him—studyed

7th day morning I sought the Lord—set to writing a letter to my son Eliezer—studyed—after dinner Sam Holdworth came—discoursed, then my sweet wife and I prayd together in my chamber—then John Longs wife came—I talkt with her—went into my chamber

studyed-was helped in seeking god

15 It day morning Î put myself into gods hands, went to my chappel—read—commented on Ezra 9—prayd preacht on Luk 19 13 God helpt at noon we had some persons from Pudsey—it was my quarterday 4li-2sh-6d-

was got at table

2d day morning I put myself into Gods hands—writ 3 letters to York in forenoon—in afternoon John Learoyd brought Mr Whitaker and his wife, who lodged with us, prayd in the family—John Wilkinson of Horton brought his child, I baptized her Tamar, we walkt to John Learoyds

3d day morning after seeking god I writ a letter to my son John—Mr Whitaker and his wife stayd till after 10 a clock—John Learoyd went with them, Jon Priestly

came—brought me mercury [? newspaper.]

4th day morning I was helped—finisht my discourse for the day following—my wife and I went after dinner to Drakes I discoursed prayed with Mary Drake, talkt with Grace Burton—called at W Clays studyed, Tho Whitaker came for a letter that I could not find

19 5th day morning I committed my self to God rid to Westercroft where we had a private fast Mr Bairstow old Jonathan yong Jonathan Priestly prayd—I preacht upon Psal 91 4 prayd, we dined I returned on John Priestlys horse for whose wife being big with child we kept that day

20 6th day morning I sought my dear Lord studyed at my Lords day work, Sam Drake came I talkt with him—Willm Clay came brought me my MS of J Fosters sermon—I writ part of Epistle to it, Charles Hughs

came—I studyed after

7th day morning I had some help—finisht my Epistle to Jo Fosters family—John Hartly came brought 10sh he borrowed—I discoursed with him—after dinner my

wife and I spent some time in prayer

22 It day morning having put myself into gods hands I went to my chappel, read Ezra 9 prayd preacht on Luk 19 13—god helpt—few dined with me—none came in

at night—yet I had mercy

23 2d day morning having sought the Lord—gone to family-prayer—returning to my study the Lord suggested a text into my thoughts for our fast—I set about it and made good progresse in it—that morning Rich Boys and Willm Northen came to me—Cozen James Crompton his son James and daughter Esther came to

us that night when we were in our bed

24 3d day morning I went into the parlour sought my god got a little liberty from my company to goe to my study was helpt—but the rest of the day I spent in discoursing with my wives kinsman James Crompton and his children—Susan went to the town—Hanna Ward came 4th day morning I committed my self to the Lord, it was our monthly fast I begun got Jon Priestly jun to

was our monthly fast I begun got Jon Priestly jun to begin, Mr Wright followed, then Sam Holdworth, I preacht upon Esth 8 6—prayd—dined 20 persons—we discoursed—parted blessed be god—my son John came that night to us from a meeting of ministers at Wakefield 5th day morning my son John went to prayer took his

journey for Lanc—I went to my study—Jon Priestly sen came—somthing I did to my studying a sermon—

after dinner Mr Broadlys daughter and Sarah Reiner came then Jo Holdworth—I writ part of a letter—had

mercy

6th day morning I committed myself to god studyed writ a letter to Horton man, to Cozen Angier with difficult accounts—Enoch Halsted came—I discoursed seriously with him

7th day morning I sought the Lord did somthing in my study—was called down to Thomas Farrand discoursed with him—was called down again to Jeremiah Tetly melancholy—discoursed prayd with him—my son John came dined with us—he and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber, he went to Alverthorp, Wakefield—Martha Bins came with a lad to say psalmes—Phœbe Farrar and 2 children came

29 It day morning I committed myself to god went to my chappel—read Neh 1 expounded it—prayd preacht on Luk 19 13 was helped forenoon and after in a great Assembly concluded my sermons on that text, received

a letter from Mr Gowland

2d day morning after closet-family-prayer I readied some papers — did somthing in preparing for next Sabboth writ 4 Acquittances to ministers to sign—3 letters to them—my dear wife was not well, I sought god

Inly, 1701.

1 3d day morning I found some help—studyed hard had little company but John Hartly—John Craven getting in our Croft-hay—I read a book of comprehension betwixt Church of Engl and dissenters—Mr Sagar minister at Wakefield called of us, stayd a season

2 4th day morning I sought the Lord found mercy—set to my study—was called off by old Jon Priestlys coming bringing me good news—I went to my work—after dinner I walkt to Willm Clays John Learoyds then after

set to my study was helpt

5th day morning after my poor chamber devotion and family prayer I went to my study—Studyed hard after dinner walkt to the field called Park called of Judith Butler—came home—studyed

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4 | 6th day morning I sought god—set upon my work studyed till noon after dinner walkt out, came to my work again was ill-puzzled could make nothing of it, fell down on my Knees—then God helpt — George Ramsden my tenant came brought me rent—2li-12sh

7th day morning I sought God studyed forenoon Charles Hughs came—my wife and I spent some time in prayer in the afternoon—Susan brought me a perplexing letter from Cozen Angier wch I was forced to answer that evening — Sister Heywood and son Nath, daughter

Anne, Tho Woolstenholm came

6 It day morning I sought the Lord went to my chappel commented upon Neh 2 prayd preacht upon Jer 42 20 god helpt—catichized at noon—we were 10 at dinner—Jon Priestly his sons came at night—gaue my sister

10sh, for their journey

7 2d day morning I sent away my Sister and cozens with prayer—got Samuel Holdworth to goe with them upon my horse to Knaresborough Spaw—gaue them mony Alas my poor nephew is wofully melancholy—would not be persuaded to pray read study preach the I talkt hard to him—his case is to be pittyed—I went to my Study could do little but ready my papers, state my accounts for money I was to receive

3d day morning I sought the Lord, set upon writing my Treatise on Joh 19 27—saving touch, writ two hours and an half—Sam Holdworth came gaue account of his journey, John Craven mowed park, Lydia Priestly came

Jo Priestly for my Bill of return—I was helpt

9 4th day morning after chamber and family prayer I set myself to spend that forenoon in secret prayer. Set about the work at 8 a clock—read Heb 13 20 prayd—then Psal 38 51—sought the Lord was helpt—but grew dull sleepy—but rouzed up as god helpt, and read Zech 2 commented on it, was a little helped betimes till towards 12 a clock, blessed be god—god helpt me sweetly for myself wife children—Cozen Nath—Kindred, congregation, church

10 | 5th day morning having sought the Lord I writ a letter to Ms Lambert—studyed writ in my Book of Saving Touch, in afternoon made my Acquittances ready writ a letter inclosed them to Mr Gowland John Craven

came, housed hav in Park

11 6th day morning I sought the Lord, Jer Baxtér came I went to my study writ in my little book after dinner our school-master came—I discoursed with him Charles Hughs came—I found some assistance in prayer—blessed be god

7th day morning hauing sought the Lord I set upon writing my book—hauing provided my Lords day work before—my wife and I spent some time in prayer

together sweetly-

13 It day morning after seeking of god I went to my chappel read Neh 3 expounded sought god—preacht on Jer 42 20—catichized at noon—my Lord did help me both ends of the day in some measure

2d day morning after I had sought the Lord I set upon my writing book—after dinner Joseph Wilkinson came I paid him 29sh for 8 schollers—Enoch Halsted came

we discoursed on many things

3d day I sought the Lord, came down to breakfast then came George Moorhouse and Francis Brook, stayd prayers I went to my study—at dinner came Mr Eli Dawson and Mtris Waller,* dined with us, went into my chamber, he and I went to prayer

4th day morning I sought the Lord in my chamber Eli Dawson in the family—conversed with him in forenoon he and Mtris Waller dined with us—I rid with them to Jon Priestlys at Winteridg—discoursed with them, prayd with them god helped—he brought me home

5th day morning I was assisted—writ in forenoon in my Book of Saving touch, after dinner Willm Clay came I had conference of young men in the chappel of the Kingdom of Cht within us—after that I received 50 of my books printed of the two worlds from Mr Nath Pinkerton of Manhester—a letter from Sister Heywood

18 6th day morning I sought the Lord—writ in my book after dinner went to Judith Butler Mary Stocks discoursed with them gaue them my book of two worlds—went again to my study—Jonathan Farrar came with my sons watch took mine—I discoursed with him

19 | 7th day morning I committed myself to god writ a letter to my Cozen Angier—after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer—Charles Hughs came to visit me god did help me alone

20 It day I put myself into gods hands went to my chappel read Neh 4 prayd preacht on Jer 42 20 finisht it—we

had 10 at dinner—a full Assembly

21 2d day morning came a man from Booth-town to invite me to the funerall of Mr Jo Longbothom wife brought a letter from Ms Archer 10sh for M N—Mr Bury came I studyed part of a sermon—writ a letter to brother Crompton Ms Archer—Sam Drake came, our schoolmaster, Jon Priestly sen brought me 20li for ministers schollers

22 3d day morning having sought god—I set to my study, had mercy John Priestly had my horse to Halifax—after dinner I walkt to Willm Clays John Learoyds—Mary Priestly brought me Holdworth rent—I discoursed

freely with her

23 4th day morning my wife was ill I went to my chamber committed her to god—John Holdworth came to get my horse shod—I writ somthing for Warly people—a man came for Benj Stocks—Mary Brooksbank came

5th day morning I set to my work praying studying John Craven came for me—I went with him down to Westercroft baptized John Priestlys daughter Mary dined with Mr Priestly—severall others—returned did

somthing in evening

25 6th day morning I put myself into gods hands and found mercy—Sam Holdworth Willm Clay and I rode to James Oates where we had our monthly fast, he Sam Holdworth James Brooksbank prayd I preacht on Psal 19 12 prayd—returned found my wife ill

7th day morning I sought god—went to my study writ a letter to my Sister Heywood—Sam Holdworth, old Jon Priestly—John Priestly payd me mony—I received a letter from Mr Gowland—Martha Robinson—Joshua

Firth came disturbed—I prayd with my wife

27 It day morning my wife continued very ill I went to chappel prayd read expounded Neh 5 preacht on Psal 119 136 finisht it—but was so confused that I forgot to

giue notice of the Lords supper next Lords day-severall

came to see my wife

28 2d day morning I sought god—went down to my wife prayd with her prayd for her in my chamber god helpt me to giue her up to him—severall came to visit her—old Jo Priestly—his son John came—my son Eliezer came that night—prayd

29 3d day morning I rose having lyen with my son in my chamber—he prayd then I sent him away by prayer—writ two letters to York—in the afternoon came Mr Bairstow, Mr Wright and his wife, we all three spent

some time in my chamber for my wife

4th day morning hauing sought the Lord I visited my poor weak wife—performed family-duty Mary Brooksbank came Anne Ambler, John Learoyd and others to see my wife—forenoon I writ ministers names for Mr Streaton—afternoon studyed part of a sermon—god helpt—Sarah Brook was with us

31 5th day morning I rose early having slept little for trouble for my poor sick wife—sought god studyed but was disturbed with much company—Joseph Hollins his

wife, many others came-god helpt

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August, 1701.

1 6th day morning I sought the Lord, studyed part of a sermon—afternoon Mr Blamires, Mary Sugden came Mr Blamires and I spent some time in prayer for my wife Cozen James Lomax and Sam Bradly came—Jon Priestly came with a letter from my sister

2 7th day morning having sought god I set my self to write out ministers names—writ a letter to Mr Streaton sent away money to Warly, Jos Crowthers wife came—others Ant Lea—I had inlargement towards evening

3 It day morning having sought god by myself—with my wife—I went to my chappel read Neh 6 prayed preached on Pro 25 2 god helpt it was a full Assembly severall came in at night

4 2d day morning rising early visiting my dear wife I found her somthing better—gaue god thanks—set to my study writ in my book—was hindred in afternoon

with company coming—yet did somewhat—my kinsman Mr James Crompton (my wiues nephew) came to see her 3d day I rose early went down—hauing slept ill with lying with my cozen J C—found my poor wife better—I studyed—about 4 a clock went down found her very weak her breath stopping as if she was drawing away, I prayd with her—then went into my chamber put her into gods hands—found mercy

6 4th day morning I rose early fearing my wife but she was somthing better I prayd with praised god for her—
Jon Priestly came went to prayer with her—Judith Higson—it was excessive hot, thundred and rained

about 4 a clock

7 5th day morning after seeking god in my chamber family—I set to my study—that day finisht my Lords day work—John Brearcliff came to advise with my wife sent her 5 leeches, betwixt 3 and 4 a clock they called me down to goe to prayer with her for a blessing on them—I prayd they set them on, Sarah Brooks takes abundance of pains with her—Mr Oats came

8 6th day morning I rose went to her found her better prayd with her in my chamber—went to my study writ in my book of Saving touch she sate up some hours that day—blessed be god Mtris Dawson and her son Eli

came rid to Halifax-I was inlarged

9 7th day I rose out of my bed fell down on my Knees prayd for my wife—then went to her found her ill, prayd with her—writ a letter to Madam Lambert Jon Priestly sen came—my wife being somthing better I ventured to lye with her that night and slept well

10 It day morning having sought god with my wife and in my chamber I went to my chappel read Neh 7 prayd preacht on Psal 25 18 a funerall sermon for old Jeremiah Wood, was helpt, some came in at night—my wife was no worse

11 2d day morning I sought god—with my wife alone—god graciously helpt—I writ in my book of Food—my

wife was pained—my son John came at night

12 3d day morning I rose—my son John and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber for my poor wife—I writ in my book—John prayd with my wife—took leaue at noon, Mr Johnson came dined with me, I gaue him my

hand, Mr Wright came—discoursed—Sister Heywood

cozens, came from Knaresborough Spaw

4th day morning we had a great tussle to get them away I could not prevail with my nephew N H to goe to prayer being melancholy Jo Priestly came to see him Sam Holdworth went with them into Lanc—I studyed, Ms Priestly visited my wife—I waited on god in my poor manner

14 5th day I sought my Lord—he was gracious—I was puzzled about my sermon for Lords day—but god put me into a way unthought of, that I hope may doe well—

my wife kept weak—god met my heart

15 6th day morning I waited on god—had company to see my wife—I went to my chappel read Zech 11 12—sung prayd preacht on Joh 20 27—had great heip—blessed be god Mr Wright, his brother, sister—Jon Priestly came

16 7th day morning having sought god with my wife, alone, family, I set to my study, did somthing received a letter from my son John—copy of York addresse—Willm Clay and I prayd with my wife—John Bothomly came with

rent I sought god

17 It day morning I sought the Lord had some help writ a letter to my son John went to my chappel read Joh 20 prayd preacht on Joh 20 27 god helpt in administring the Lords supper—afternoon I was almost tired returned

-found my wife weak

2d day morning I sought the Lord—in my chamber family—Mr Wright came to me, I writ a letter for him to Mr Streaton—I studyed—Thomas Bently came Willm Clay—in afternoon I had notice that a box of Books were come from London by carrier in Lightliff called little Frank I sent for them—Tho Mitchel brought it—my son El came, Mr Nath Priestly—his wife

19 3d day morning my son El went to prayer with my wife
—took leaue of us—went home-I went to my study
sought god—studyed for Lords day—after dinner went
to John Learoyds—then prayd with my wife god helpt

graciously and alone, blessed be god

4th day morning I got up committed myself to god and studyed some—then Arthur Robinson came for me to goe to Blakehill where we had a private fast at John

Robinsons Mr Bairstow Samuel Holdworth prayd I preacht on Joh 13 23 prayd--we discoursed I returned

home—blessed be god

5th day morning I rose sought god with my wife, in 21 chamber family-went to my study-Mr Wright came, and after dinner Jon Priestly came went to prayer with my wife we discoursed—I went to my study writ in my book of saving touch

6th day morning I sought God with my wife, alone did 22 somthing in my study then went to Tho Bentlys where we had a day of thanksgiuing for recovery of his wifechildren—himself John Bury Jo Jewet prayd—I preacht

on Psal 46 1 prayd discoursed

7th day morning having dispatcht my poor devotions I 23 set myself to finish my book of Sensible touch did finish it after dinner spent some time in prayer-with my wife and Sarah Brook that tends her—then studyed sought god writ a letter to London

1t day morning I sought god Tho: Leach came, I went 24 to my chappel-read expounded Neh 8-prayd preacht on Gen 50 20—had help—Mr Lucas of St Edmundburys son came and others, we discoursed of severall things

2d day morning I sought the Lord with my wife, family 25 but alas found not god as I was wont in my chamber but god helpt in my studying a sermon Willm Clay came some others but I kept close at my work-my son John and his wife came that evening to see us

3d day morning I sought the Lord in my dining-room 26 and when my son and daughter rose-after breakfast and family prayer my son John and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber—they went after dinner—I

studyed

4th day morning I committed my self to god, Jonathan 27 Elswick (Mr Wrights man) came for me with whom I rid to Houe-edg where we had a private fast, Mr Wright prayd, Jonathan Priestly, James Tetley, then I prayd, after that we went to his meeting-place, where I prayd, preacht on Jer 5 2 god helpt—returned home

5th day morning I sought the Lord had mercy, studyed 28 Sam Holdworth came-after dinner we had the young mens conference—old Jon Priestly came, Stephen Hall his wife brought 4li-Robt Baggerlys son was with me

from Warrington in the forenoon

29 6th day morning I put my soul into gods hands in my chamber—family, had no disturbance of visitors all that day kept close to my study was helped all day in my work blessed be god—my wife was better

30 7th day morning I sought god—studyed writ 2 letters into Lanc—afternoon came widow Eastwood—I prayed with my wife—Sarah Brook—Sam Hall came to be

catichized—Charles Hughs came

31 It day morning I was exceeding short-winded but sought god—went to my chappel read Neh 9 prayd preached on Rom 8 9—baptized Martha Ant Whitlys daughter had company at night, repeated to my wife

September, 1701.

1 2d day morning I was sore afflicted with a pain in my left side—but god helpt me in seeking him—and after a stool it went away—I studyed read Ainsworth on 1 and 2 ch of Genesis—W Clay and John Learoyd came at noon then Jer Baxter—I writ 2 letters to Leeds—god helpt in studying, prayer

2 3d day morning I sought the Lord in forenoon I writ two letters to York by Sam Holdworth who came for them—I studyed part of a sermon—John Soniers wife

came to see my wife

3 4th day morning I was helpt in my work—set my self to study—finisht Lords day work, Charles Hughs was mending—Mr. Wood—Tho Clark came for poor ley 2sh 6d—Sam Drake came—my wife was in tollerable plight but very weak

4 5th day morning after seeking god writing a letter to my son John I made ready John Craven came for me I rid to Westercroft where we had a day of thanksgiuing for John Priestlys wife, Mr Bairstow Mr Priestly prayd I preacht on Psal 21 14 prayd—we dined, returned

5 6th day morning I was humbled having lyen waking many hours, and could not meditate—I sought my Lord writ a letter to Brother Hilton, wept in prayer—after dinner John Holdworth took my horse to get him shod, Sam: Holdworth came from York

6 7th day morning having slept well I sought god—read my chapter—went into my chamber studyed some, would

haue studyed more but had prepared my sermons in the beginning of the week—I was unprofitable but prayd with my wife, read my manuscript on Joh 20 27 was

helped in secret prayer blessed be god

7 It day morning I sought the Lord went to my chappel—read expounded Neh 10—prayd preacht on Rom 8 9 god greatly inlarged my heart strengthened my body—there was a multitude of people—my wife kept house by herself in afternoon—I repeated to her

2d day morning I sought the Lord and because I was not busy in transcribing sermons I was doubtfull what to set about at last concluded to study upon a new text I begun with 2 tim 17 8 did study it—was helpt in prayer, no body came to us of all day—I read in the

Book of martyrs

9 2d day morning I sought the Lord with my wife alone—with family—studyed—Nath Naylor came then after dinner John Learoyd Willm Clay, I talkt with them—

Mercy Woodhead was very sensible

4th day morning I set upon my work in spending that forenoon in reading praying was helpt in most dutys afternoon came Nat Naylor—old Jon Priestly brought me good news from abroad—I studyed

11 5th day morning having sought the Lord I went to my study—studyed part of a sermon—after dinner walkt to Willm Clays, John Learoyds, Jonas Northens—then

went to my study

6th day morning having sought the Lord I set upon my studying work—found mercy—had none to visit me all day—I read, towards even set my self to praise god—the Lord helpt me—afterwards came Mr Brook Scriv-

ener, and our schoolmaster

7th day in the morning I sought the Lord writ 3 letters into Lanc—Charles Hughs came — Mr Peter Peters minister at Mill-hill in Leeds came visited me—he and I spent some time in prayer with my wife in the afternoon, he went away—returned to my study—Sarah Brook came

14 1t day morning I put myself into gods hands went to my chappel—expounded Neh 11—prayd preacht on Rom 8 7—god helpt—Mr James Mitchel came from Halifax preacht in the afternoon on Cant 2 13-stayd

a while I repeated my sermon to my wife

2d day morning I sought god—begun the treatise of All Good writ two leaves but was hindred by Lang wife—and another that brought a lad to say Chatichism—to whom I gaue a bible

3d day the day my wife came into the world 69 years agoe—I begun with prayer—was 3 times on my Knees in my chamber—blessed god for her—studyed in my book of All-good—studyed part of a sermon on that text

-Willm Clay came

4th day morning having sought god I went to Westereroft where we had a private fast at Martha Bins, Jonathan Priestly, Sam Holdworth prayd I preacht on Rom 8 28—prayd, returned

18 5th day I was a little helped in the morning—writ in my book of All-good—much of the day was taken up by John Holdworth, Sarah Ingham yet had some assistance

19 6th day morning I found help—set my self to write in my Book of All-good, found some assistance morning noon at night in secret prayer—old Jon Priestly came in the afternoon we had much discourse

7th day morning having performed my usuall exercises in seeking god—I set to do somthing but was in an hurry and confusion—yet at last fixed—in afternoon my wife was helpt in prayer with me in the parlour sweetly blessed be god—I was disturbed by the limer

21 It day morning having committed myself to god I went to my chappel read Neh 12 descanted on it prayd preached on 2 tim 4 7 I have fought a good fight god helpt made it a good day—Quartridg brought which

was 4li

22 2d day morning I sought the Lord—Eliezer Butterworth came, his sister I catichized him, set upon writing but was disturbed, Jonathan Farrar came to dress the jack Mr Noble and he dined with me, Jon Priestly came discoursed long a man from Horton in troubles of conscience, then Mr Wright came to whom I gaue 6 catichisms

23 3d day morning having sought god I set upon my work of writing in my book—I found inlargement in prayer

at noon and towards night—writ a letter to Mr J my two sons came

24 4th day morning I sought god in the parlour my son John prayd with my wife—we went to my chappel, my son Eliezer begun prayd well preacht on Heb 10 38 my son John followed prayd well—preacht on Mat 8 13 god helpt them I had Mr Priestly his father, brother, Mr Wright Mr Bairstow—my sons at dinner—discoursed a long time—it was a day of thankfulnes

25 5th day morning I went into my parlour sought god then went with my wife family—committed my sons to god then went to my study writ most of the day in my Book of All good—had no company disturbance, sought

god towards night—blessed be god

26 6th day morning having sought god I set my self to study on a new text—was helpt in the afternoon writ in my book of all good no body came to visit me, only Francis Brook had my horse to Wakefield

7th day morning I was helpt in seeking god set my self to study was called down to Jonathan Farrar—Charles Hughs came—my wife and I spent some time in prayer god helpt Joh Bury came—Ant Lea, I found mercy

28 1t day morning hauing sought god I went to my chappel read Neh 13—prayd preacht on 1 Cor 15 34—god helpt Mr Waterhouse offered to preach in the afternoon, came in the morning prayd preacht on 1 Cor 15 34 confusedly went with Mr Brearcliff to Stony-royd at night

29 2d day morning after seeking of god I set upon my work for wednesday—studyed on Heb 5 12 god succeeded me, I finisht it—Willm Clay John Learoyd came after

dinner

30 3d day morning I sought the Lord, writ my instructions for Warly—in forenoon and afternoon young Jonathan Priestly called of me as he went to Halifax I was melted in seeking god, John Holdworth came to me about my croft

October. 1701.

1 4th day morning I writ my half-sheet for Warley—after dinner I had appointed persons to come for Catichisms—I went to chappel prayd preacht on Heb 5 12—there was but few I gaue 8 catichisms—2 Bibles catichized John Burys children

5th day morning after seeking god I set myself to writing in my book of all good finisht an use of Examination—after dinner went to John Learovds discoursed so to my study-Willm Duhursts wife came to talk with me about Benjamin Stocks

6th day morning I was helpt-writ in my book of All 3 good from Rom 8 28-stuck hard to it and at last finisht it towards evening Jos Wilkinson our school

master came after dinner-I discoursed with him

7th day morning hauing been disturbed by a dreadfull 4 wind that night I set myself to study upon that subject Pro 30 4—Josh Stocks and Sam came to lay stones blown off the chappel my wife and I prayd together

1t day morning hauing sought god-being a windy day 5 I went to my chappel read commented on Est 1 prayd preacht on Pro 30 4 who hath gathered the winds in his fists—all day god helpt me to profitable lessons

2d day morning after I had sought god I was a little 6 puzzled what to set about in my studys, was taken off with a lass to be catichized, giuing bible, Mr Abr. Dawson came in the afternoon, we discoursed I lent him 2 books—I studyed part of a sermon—Brook the scrivener came

3d day morning I set to my work of studying a sermon on Luk 11 13-after dinner walkt to Willm Clays, Benjamin Stocks came for advice being discharged from teaching school then old Jonathan priestly came, communicated news to me I found mercy morning, noon,

night

4th day morning I sought god set upon my studying 8 found mercy—but at noon was wofully distracted Mr Oates man came with mault-old Jo Priestly brought me a letter from my son John-wherin he signifys that

his daughter is recovered of small-pox

5th day morning after seeking god I set myself to finish 9 my discourse upon Luk 11 13—I had help—the glazier came with glasse—our young men came to conference we were in my chamber—the Qu what is the communion of the Holy Ghost-Sol Holdworth prayd, I concluded with singing, praying

6th day morning having committed my self to god and studyed a little I went to my chappel read the 19 of John prayd preacht apon John 20 27 god helpt some company stayd—I gaue Mr Bairstow 6 Bibles 6 Catichisms—writ a letter to Mr White, R Robinsons wife came I discoursed with her

7th day morning hauing sought god, I ordered my Bookes sent from Mr Parkhurst Jo Whitworth the night before, after dinner Susan Hurd came, my wife and I went to prayer, Mary Priestly widow came, I discoursed prayd with her—I received a letter from Ms Frankland, writ into Lanc

12 It day morning I put myself into gods hands went to my chappel prayd preacht on Joh 20 27 finisht it—administred the Lords supper had many dined with me, afternoon preacht on 2 Tim 4 7 finisht that—read both to my wife

2d day morning I committed myself to god writ two letters to Leeds, dined Samuel Drake went with me I rid to Charles Hughs discoursed prayd with his son James, called at Jer Swifts, Tim Oldfields, Mr Joseph Crowthers sate there—called at James Wallis at school, returned home about 4 a clock, blessed be god—after that James Brooksbank came—I gaue him a book

3d day morning having committed myself to god, James Crompton came to us — having lodged in Halifax brought to me my rent from 3 persons out of Lanc—I writ a letter by him—another to Mr Parkhurst of London, after dinner came Willm Clay—our school-master, then came Mtris Hough, Isabel Longbothom, Hanna Holden sate with us a piece of the afternoon, to visit my wife

15 4th day god helpt in the morning—forenoon I writ a letter to my son John read in Book of Angels—ordered papers, could do little in my study—Jon Priestly came, we discoursed I gaue him my Book Jer Baxter came in the morning brought me a letter from John Whitworth

16 5th day morning I was helped forenoon and after no body came at us except John Clay that went for mosse, I studyed all day on a new text was a little helped, read in my book of Angels

17 6th day morning I was helped Jer Baxter came I payd Lords rent—Sarah Brook came, one Greenhaugh came out of Lanc, brought me 27 books a letter from Cozen

W Whitehead, a letter from my son John news of Tims

being in small pox

7th day morning I was helpt, but god withdrew towards noon—I writ a letter to Manchester, Sam Holdworth came, Edward Denton to whom I gaue 4 Bibles 4 Catich my wife and I prayd together the cole-lad disturbed us, Ant Lea came

19 It day morning being very short-winded I committed my self to god, went to my chappel, read Esther 2 expounded prayd preached on Luk 11 13 all day, god graciously helpt, made it a grand day, Catichized in the

proof catich in my chappel

20 2d day morning I sought god—disposed of papers letters would have prayed but puzzled, schoolmaster came I payd him 30sh Jon Priestly brought me mercury, I lent him discourse of Angels, writ a letter to Leeds god

did help in prayer towards evening

21 3d day morning I sought the Lord, had mercy studyed a little would have prayd but was heartles, after dinner Willm Clay came, I writ a letter for York, towards night god did help me—blessed be god—Tho Woolstenholm came out of Lanc that night to us—Mtris Dawson

came and lodged with us the night after

22 4th day morning Abraham Barret and John Ramsden came (after I had committed my self to god) they accompanyed me with Willm Clay to John Ramsdens of Shickleton-hill, where we had a private day James Oates Joshua Hainworth Mr Bairstow prayd I preacht on Deut 30 6—prayd—returned tired found Mtris Dawson at our house

23 5th day morning I went to my chamber after Ms Dawson was gone—sought god—fell to my study studyed part of a sermon—Ms Dawson and her son Eliezer dined with us, I went severall times to my knees could make nothing of it, yet at last was helpt a little through grace 24 6th day morning I committed my self to god—did som-

6th day morning I committed my self to god—did somthing though little to purpose—would have prayd but could not—John Learoyd came after dinner—I discoursed went to my study—writ some things, towards night god sweetly assisted my heart—blessed be god

7th day morning after seeking god I writ a letter to Ms Frankland—it was a very rainy day, but when Susan

was gone to town my wife and I set ourselves to spend some time in prayer—god helpt her Mary Brooksbank

came-Charles Hughs &c

26 It day morning I committed myself to god went with some difficulty to my chappel—read expounded Esther 3—prayd preacht on Luk 11 13 finisht that text that day—tho with difficulty—Martha Bins came to talk with me

27 2d day having committed myself to god I set upon studying part of a sermon Willm Clay came after dinner,
John Holdworth came I payd him 30sh for my horse—
he shewed me Grace Burtons strange letters her childs

dead—I writ a letter to Leeds by Jer Baxter

28 3d day morning after I had committed myself to god I went to my study after family-prayer—I studyed part of a sermon Mercy Woodhead brought her daughter to be catichized—our Scrivener Tho Brook came after dinner I talkt plainly to him studyed, sought god Josiah Stansfield called of us

29 4th day morning I sought god, studyed sermon at noon had some help for the church of god, these nations—such as I seldom had, studyed hard in the afternoon—no body disturbed me, but Charles Hughs who pulld

out a tooth of my wives

30 5th day morning having sought the Lord I set to my studying work—writ a letter to my son John—would have prayd at noon but could not—afternoon did somwhat old Jon Priestly came—Jer Baxter I payd him 5sh for guest horses at night sought god

31 6th day morning I was somthing helped in prayer a little in study but after dinner confounded in my study went to prayer then god helpt in the afternoon blessed

be god-I had no visitors

Nobember, 1701.

7th day I committed myself to god writ a letter into Lanc—studyed, Scrivener came after dinner my wife and I designed to spend some time in prayer—she prayd sweetly—while I was at prayer Susan came home brought me a letter from my son El—I was a little helped alone in my chamber

2 It day morning having put my self into gods hands being sollicitous how to get to my chappel for shortnes of breathing yet conquered it was greatly helpt forenoon and after preaching on Heb 3 12 we had a collection for Samuel Ainly of Sowerby got 15sh-6d—I repeated to my wife

2d day morning I put myself into gods hands went to family-prayer went up into my study, came down discoursed with Mary Brooksbank, prayd with her, dined Willm Clay came—I went up again—James Tetlaw came with whom I had busines—went up, sought my

god in some uprightnes

4 3d day morning I sought god when I was gone into my chamber—I was perplext about my text for the day following—could not tell what to doe—fell down on my knees was sweetly helped in pleading with god—changed my purpose begun another in the afternoon—writ a

good quantity

5 4th day I studied some after I had committed myself to god—found mercy at 11 a clock went to my chappel read Exod 17 praised god for his mercys to the nation &c preacht on Exod 17 15 god helpt about 2 Hours returned home retired to my chamber—sought the Lord

6 5th day I put myself into gods hand—went up studyed, was called down to Mr Wright who came to get me to Baptize his child, I gaue him Books he went—I studyed

some—as I could

7 6th day morning I sought the Lord, Jerem Baxter came
—I puzzled at my study, at last fell down on my knees,
god greatly helped me and inlarged my heart—after
dinner Jos Wilkinson came—our schoolmaster—I lent
him a book against Deism—I studyed part of a sermon

8 7th day morning I found grace in gods sight, prayd writ a letter into Lanc—studyed—in afternoon my wife and I were sweetly assisted together in prayer—Ant Lea came told us the good news of the kings return—

I writ a letter into Craven

9 It day morning I committed myself to god—went to my chappel had a chair to rest me in the way read Est 5 prayd preacht on Heb 3 12—god helpt catichized at noon Jon Priestly jun stayd

- 2d day morning after closet and family-prayer, I went into my chamber searcht for a sermon I preacht on Psal 43 4 in 1688 about god being exceeding joy begun to write it—Willm Clay and Sarah Learoyd came after dinner—Josh Stocks workt for us—that evening my son John came to us
- 3d day morning I rose went into my chamber sought god, my son John went to prayer in the family with my wife—so went away—I writ some in my Book of the Exceeding joy—after dinner John Learoyd and John Hartly came—who sth he is 87 years old I discoursed with him
- 4th day morning I committed my self work to god, Mr John Brooksbank writ to invite me to a private day at his house and if I could not come to spend time at home after breakfast and family-prayer I set myself to spend that forenoon—but was wofully born down a while with sleepines at last overcom it—spent till 12 a clock in reading and prayer, being 3 times on my knees, 1 for myself 2 for Relations friends 3 for the church—I was greatly helpt afternoon writ in my Book

5th day morning having sought the Lord I set to my work of writing in my book of Exceeding joy—after dinner Jer Baxter came—I discoursed with him, so

after dinner went to my study—writ much

6th day morning having sought the Lord I set myself to study sermon—god helpt—after dinner Jo Priestly sen came—we discoursed—long I could do little after

7th day morning after seeking god I studyed after dinner Willm Clay came—my wife and I spent some time sweetly in prayer—John Hanson sent his lad with malt wheat from Robt Walker, Jo Learoyd helpt I received a letter from Dr Hall another from Cozen Angier

16 It day morning after dutys alone with my family I went to my chappel read expounded Est 6 prayd preacht on Heb 3 12 god graciously helpt—chatichized at home—

repeated to my wife

17 2d day morning after prayers—I set about chusing a text for private fast was in great dispute at last resolved —but was disturbed—George Ramsden came brought mony from Brother Hilton—Jo Learoyd came—Joseph

Wilkinsons wife in trouble of spirit—John Bently came about Baptizing his child-Mr Nathaniel Priestly came we discoursed much

18 3d day morning I got up early studyed after prayer in my chamber an hour by light of my lamp-got my sermon ended before noon-after dinner came John Bently brought his child, I baptized it Edward, Willm Clay &c present—discoursed he went away

4th day morning I put myself into gods hands was to 19 goe to a private fast at Jon Priestlys at Wintridghimself came for me, his man Sam Holdworth accompanved me-he, Mr Bairstow, Mr Wright prayed I preacht on Zech 12 5 prayd-returned home late my wife was troubled for me—I writ a letter to my son John Blessed be god it was a good day

20 5th day morning I sought god—it was a troublesom morning of chimney-sweeping I writ in my book in forenoon-afternoon came young men to conference-Tho Wilkinson prayd I concluded with prayer—afterwards

catichized Jonathan Pierah—sought god

6th day morning I was much assisted in seeking god 21 set to my work of writing in my Book, afterwards old Jonathan Priestly came—brought Mercury—I did som-

thing at studying sermon—but puzzled

7th day morning I was helped in secret-I had opper-22 tunity of waiting on god-writ 2 letters into Lanc-Thomas Farrand dined with us, my wife and I spent some time in prayer—I received a letter from my son John-about publick affairs-sad

1t day morning I committed myself to god-he brought 23 me to my chappel tho with difficulty by reason of my shortwindednes-I read expounded Est 7, prayd preacht on Heb 3 12 finisht that text—hauing been 4 days upon it—repeated to my wife—but rested little that night

2d day morning I committed my soul concerns to god 24 -set upon writing in my Book of Exceeding Joy-writ forenoon—but when I came to seek god was distracted -none visited me-towards night troubled about a text 3d day morning I found help set upon a text studyed-25

after dinner W Clay S Learoyd came then Robt Walker of Bingley came sate 2 hours we discoursed about

weighty things

4th day morning I found some assistance from god then changed my thoughts for a text writ Job 19 28 studyed on it—had no disturbance made considerable

progresse-blessed be god

5th day morning hauing sought god I set to my work—but was taken off with Jo Holdworth coming to dresse the clock—John Learoyd came then the man with a lad to be catichized—all hindred me—yet I returned to it

28 6th day morning I set about writing for Warly people minded it diligently after dinner Will Clay came Abr Scot to set up lath-doors—stayd all afternoon—I studyd both in the morning and at night with my lamp—finisht Warly papers

29 7th day morning after seeking god I writ 2 letters into Lanc—a lad and lasse came to say Catichism my wife and I spent some time in prayer—comfortably blessed

be god—I studyed sought the Lord

30 It day morning I was helped alone, but had much adoe to get to my chappel for wind yet was assisted all day in expounding Est 8 praying preaching on Job 19 28—god helpt—repeated to my wlfe—slept sweetly that night

December, 1701.

1 2d day morning hauing sought the Lord I framed for my study but was distracted—J Baxter came god helpt in prayer—after dinner set about my work did some-

thing-but days being short-but little-

2 3d day morning I sought god—set upon my studying work—did puzzle—doe little—would haue prayd—but was overcom with drowsines distraction—yet afternoon was helpt—in studying W Clay Jo Learoyd came after dinner—discoursed

3 4th day morning I sought god—set upon my study—old Jon Priestly came—interrupted me set upon it in afternoon Abr Scot and another man came about 3 a clock brought my new chair John Holdworth others—

wondering a bit

4 5th day morning I sought god—did somewhat in my study but Jer Baxter came about businesse hindred me yet prayd before dinner—after came John HoldworthJos Wilkinson Schoolmaster—Nath Booth came with a

lasse to be catichized—

5 6th day morning I committed myself to god he helpt— I was to preach in my chappel the preparation sermon, John Learoyd and Joshua Stocks carryed me in my new chair to the chappel easily I prayd preacht on Joh 20 28 god greatly helpt, Jo Learoyd and Jo Sonier carryed me home again

6 7th day I writ two letters—my wife and I prayd some little I studied—did write meditations But when I was setting my self to pray—Charles Hughs came to trim me—disturbed me I was troubled—could not get an

oppertunity

7 It day morning I waited on god with some satisfaction, went to my chappel—but was carryed in my chair 4 times by two men Joshua Stocks and John Craven—I prayd preacht administred the Lords supper comfortably—finisht Joh 20 28—many dined with me—at night J P came, I repeated my sermons to my wife

8 2d day morning after seeking god I set myself to write in my Treatise of Exceeding joy at noon John Holdworth came had been with my horse to be removed—Willm Clay came, it was a dark rainy day—I could doe

nothing in my study in afternoon

9 3d day morning having sought the Lord I set to my work of writing in my book but could make nothing of it—changed my course to study my sermon—but alas puzzled—yet at length god helpt—Jonas Northen came

John Learoyd

4th day morning I sought god—set upon my studying sermons was somthing helpt—yet called down—Jer Baxter came—Joshua Firth of Dr Halls came about a weighty concern—I talkt with him—went to my study—did somthing blessed be god for some assistance—Rich Boys came

11 5th day after secret prayer in the morning having slept little—I sought god—was helped—set my self to write a letter to Mr Lister in answer to his—concerning that great dispute of his removing from Bingley I was helped

in it Will Clay came I had mercy

12 6th day morning I sought the Lord then set upon my study—was a little helped in seeking god—afternoon

Madam Drake sent a man from Stump-crosse with letter from my brother Hilton—I could study little because of the very dark day

7th day morning I committed myself to god writ a letter to my cozen W W 2 children came to be catichized, 13 Judith Butler-Martha Bins-my wife and I spent some time in prayer old Jon Priestly came-we discoursed about severall things Sam Holdworth came

It day morning after I had committed my self to god 14 was carryed to my chappel read Esth 9 prayd preached on Job 19 28 all day god helpt-Elkanah Bury dined with us and others--at night I repeated to my wife-in

family-duty

2d day morning after seeking god I writ a letter to Mr 15 Jo Farrar at London-Elk Bury came dined with us-I discoursed him—writ another letter to M H at York—

studyed-sought god

16 3d day morning after secret prayer the first thing I did was to write to my son El-came down to family-prayer, set upon my study for the fast god helpt me, our school master came after dinner, I fell close to my study-and seeking god

4th day morning I sought god-set upon my work but 17 could doe little-Anthony Proctor came-Jo Learoyd John Cook of Halifax sate with me a considerable time hindred me-I received a letter from Rachel Hodgson

from London-had some other businesse

18 5th day morning god melted my heart-I set upon my study god prospered me for the fast the day following-Willm Clay came after dinner, old Jon Priestly came-

with whom I discoursed

6th day morning I sought god-and it being the publick 19 fast I committed myself to god was carryed to my chappel read Neh 9 prayd twice and preached twice on 2 Chron 15 2-spent 4 houres in work, was helpt-

blessed be god

7th day morning I was a little assisted set myself close 20 to my studying for Lords day work writ a letter-my wife and I spent some time in prayer after dinner-I had good successe in my study—Mary Woodhead talkt with me about soul-concerns is very hopefull—I sought god

- 23 3d day morning I sought god went to my study writ over 12 pleas of a Christian with god &c god directed— John Priestly—Sam Drake came—day was soon spent in chusing a text—I had a letter from my son Eliezer good news
- 24 4t day morning after committing myself to god I was doubtfull what text to begin—at last resolved on Luk 14 20—studyed in forenoon after dinner Jon Priestly sen came Jo Learovd hindred me—it was night presently
- 25 5th day morning I put myself into gods hands studyed forenoon part of my sermon—god helpt—in afternoon Margt Miln came to talk with me about soul matters Old Jon Priestly and his son Jonathan—Jer Baxter came—we discoursed severall things
- 26 6th day morning I committed myself to god set upon my study finisht my Lords day work, went down, Abr Broadly from Bingley dined with us—W Clay came, then Joshua Pierah and his brother Jonathan who sd all the psalmes very well
- 7th day morning I sought the Lord was helped was taken off my work with some company received 3 letters one from Mr Calamy of London—my son John, my cozen W Woolstenholm—my wife and I were helped in prayer together—the disturbed by one coming
- 28 It day morning having by prayer put myself into gods hands I went to my chappel read Luk 14—prayd preacht on Luk 14 26—was helped in treating on that strange text given me by M W finisht it Jon Priestly and his wife came in
- 29 2d day morning I committed myself to god set about seeking for Yorkshire and Lanc ministers liues—committed one sheet to John Clay to write it. Jonathan Farrar came sate long, after dinner Enoch Halsted came—sate long with me—discoursing Mr N Priestly his wife, 2 sons came
- 30 3d day morning I committed myself to god fell close to my studying for Lords day, had help—no body came at me but John Clay thats writing for me and his father—blessed be god
- 31 4th day morning having sought the Lord I set to my study kept close all forenoon—at dinner came George

Ramsden my tenant brought me rent—then Jon Priestly sen—sate long discoursing—I committed myself to god

January, 1702

1 5th day morning I sought the Lord—set upon writing a letter to Mr Calamy—studyed some—afternoon my young men came to conference about being an Altogether christian, J G prayd—blessed be god—time was well spent

6th day morning after I had put myself into gods hands I studyed a little—writ a letter to brother Hilton—my wife came up heard it—Elkanah Bury came his brother James sister Rachel sd Catichism after dinner—I did little—John Sonier and his wife came to visit me

3 7th day morning having sought god I writ a letter went to my study did little—in the afternoon—my wife and I designed to spend time in prayer god did graciously help her, some body knockt at door—William Whitehead another man came out of Lancashire he and [I] prayd in my chamber sweetly

4 It day morning I consulted the Lord about a subject—having provided sermons on Jam 1 28—but upon second thoughts took Psal 107 7 upon which I preacht that day expounded Job 1 God helpt all day—cozen W W prayd at night

5 2d day morning I sought god found mercy—prayed with my family set John Clay his work writ a letter to Mr Chorlton—discoursed with Cozen W Whitehead who went away after dinner—I went to my study did somthing

6 3d day morning I sought god—read Mr Chorltons sermon for funerall of Mr Frankland—studyed part of a sermon—after dinner—old Jon Priestly came brought me the kings speech—I studyed

4th day morning I sought god had mercy studyed sermon all day—only W Clay and Jer Baxter came—at noon I found my heart wofully out of frame—yet a little helpt

8 5th day morning I found help—studyed all day Charles
Hughs came—writ some observations—towards night
my son Eliezer came—we discoursed many things

- 9 | 6th day morning my son El went to prayer with us took my horse with him-I studyed, at noon came Tim Booth to invite to the funerall of his master before two a clock my wife came into my chamber told me of the death of Mary Drake both neighbours—Lord affect my heart
- 7th day morning after I had committed myself to god 10 and in family-work-I writ two letters one to London another to Ms Frankland—was called down to Mr Robt Wadington preacher who sate awhile Susan Hall came -my wife and I prayd together-John Clay came hauing despatched his writing Yorkshire and Lancashire Ministers.*
- It day morning I put myself into gods hands was 11 carryed to my chappel—expounded Job 2 prayd preacht on Psal 34 8 god helpt me, gaue James Tetlaw 25sh to be returned to Ms Wheelwright for Rachel Hodgson that I gaue, had got, at night some came in upon business
- 2d day morning having sought god—I set upon reading 12 and correcting all the liues of Lancashire ministers to be sent with the Yorkshire ones to London they took me up much time—labour—writ a letter to goe with them by the carrier
- 3d day morning I sought the Lord-made my papers 13 ready gaue them to young Jonathan Priestly to send to London went to my chappel prayd preacht a funerall sermon on psal 119 75 god helpt—Eli Dawson Jonathan Priestly came—Eli Fenton came with whom I talked seriously he prayd—I prayd, his father came they took leaue went home—I went to my study
- 4th day morning I rose having caught wofully that 14 night—sought the Lord, John Clay came then his father -Schoolmaster whom I paid 30sh John Holdworth towards night gaue me half a guyney for funerall sermon -I writ-read some-John Bothomly came with my sons rent
- 5th day morning god did in some measure assist my 15 heart in prayer-and at noon-I designed that day in reviewing my Diary—and take an account how I spent

^{*} This was for Calamy's Lives of the Ejected.

my time this year past and I did finish it before night and prefixed it in the beginning—no disturbance

16 6th day morning I committed myself to god I had some help, studyed part of a sermon for Lords day Jonathan Farrar came with my watch—sate with him after one a

Farrar came with my watch—sate with him after one a clock one Abraham Ekroyds wife came with a child to be baptized, I did it, called him Jonathan studyed after

7th day morning I sought the Lord studyed writ severall notes—a letter to Mr Gowland at London, Charles Hughs came, my wife and I prayd together sweetly—I went to my study writ a letter to Cozen Angier another to Robt Miln—Sam Holdworth came

18 It day morning having put myself into gods hands I went to my chappel read Job 3 preacht on Psal 34 8—afternoon baptized John son to Nathanael Booth—

repeated to my wife-god helpt

19 2d day morning having sought god I set myself to write to Mr Thorsby at Leeds and sent him some lives Jer Baxter came Willm Clay afternoon I fell to writing my

half-sheet to Warly-people

20 3d day after prayer I set upon writing my half-sheet for Warly people—was quiet in the forenoon after dinner came John Learoyd John Milne old Jonathan Priestly—disturbed me—yet my heart was a little helped at

noon night

21 4th day morning hauing sought the Lord I set to another great work to write 20 Experiences that a gracious soul hath of the goodnes of god—I stuck hard to them no body hindred me got them finisht by 4 a clock—blessed be god—William Sharp and John Sonier came hauing prized Mary Drakes goods

22 5th day morning I committed my self into gods hands and set upon writing in my Book of Exceeding joy—got little forward—in afternoon Mr John Fournesse came

gaue me notice of their journey to Mr Jollie

6th day morning I committed myself to god, went to my study writ a letter to Mr Tim Jollie, at noon 3 lads came of my schollers—shewed me their latin—Ch Hughs John Lang, Joseph Stocks, I studyed in the afternoon

24 7th day morning I made my addresse to god then writ letters sealed—writ acquittances. Robt Walker John

Hanson came in forenoon—we discoursed long about a weighty busines—afternoon my wife and I went to prayer—it was a terrible day of wind and rain

prayer—it was a termile day of wind and rain

1t day morning I sought god—went to my chappel read
Job 4—prayd preacht on Psal 34 8—finisht it—catichized Jon Priestly his son, Ant Lea came at night
consulted about Mr Franklands life—we were 8 at
dinner, I slept well that night—received a letter from
my son El

26 2d day morning I rose went into my chamber, prayd came down Charles Hughs came—Woodheads wife with a lasse to say Catich—gaue her a Bible, Mr Oats man with meal-malt—Elkanah Bury—I writ a letter to Mr Priestly concerning Mr Franklands life

27 3d day after I had committed myself into gods hands—and family-duty over—I set upon studying for Lords day—god helpt—after dinner W Clay came sate a good while—Mr Bairstow—they called me down he sate with me till 3 a clock—writing events—talking—in the evening I had a letter from my son El

28 4th day morning I did purpose to spend some time in prayer—but was called off my Knees to come to Mr John Holdworth minister and his brother who sate a while with me—went to Mr Priestlys—Jo Wilkinson our master came—had help in my studying—in duty

29 5th day morning I set myself to seek god—but alas did not meet with god as I desired—tho I thought I had some little help towards noon—studyed some—after dinner—John Learoyd came—Joshua and Sam Stocks workt in making my Orchard wall—I writ a leaf in Exceeding joy

6th day morning I tugd hard with my own hard heart had much adoe with it—went to my chappel read Luk 14—prayd preacht a preparation-sermon on Luk 14 17 god helpt some came before some after into my house

31 7th day morning after seeking god I writ 2 letters one to my son El—another to Warly-people—after dinner M Northen came in I talkt with her—my wife and I spent some time in prayer together Charles Hughs trimd me—I meditated—prayd

February, 1702

1 1t day morning hauing sought god I was carried to my chappel—read 22nd Psalm—prayd preacht on Luk 14 17—administred the Lords supper—god helpt had many dined with us—spoke to Warly-people they refused to dismisse Mr Smith—at night I repeated to my wife—had mercy

nad mercy

2 2d day morning when I had sought the Lord I set upon studying—somthing I did in the text left me to preach on, Robt Walker came dined with us—Joshua Kitson for church-ley, I writ a letter to Dr Coulton—Sam Holdworth came told us of the death of Isabel Bolton that day

3 3d day morning I sought god—set upon my work of studying but was called down before ten to John Hey of Craven with whom I discoursed then came Mr William Perkins a preacher—sate with me—they went together—I went to my study—had little incouragement in prayer at noon but much inlarged at night—and was helpt in my study blessed be god

4 4th day morning after seeking god in closet, family, I designed to spend forenoon solemnly in prayer was in some measure helpt till towards 12 then called down to John Bently about baptizing his child—W Clay came after dinner—I studyed part of sermon till evening

5 5th day morning after seeking god I writ a letter to Mr Gowland—studyed finisht my Lords day work—Susan went to Halifax to two funeralls—Daniel Bates Isabel Crowther, Mr Smith preacht at the chappel—I lookt last years work

6 6th day morning I had some help—fell to writing in my Book of Exceeding joy did write considerably in it— Joseph Wilkinson schoolmaster came after dinner I set again to my work—did somwhat—god did help at night

in seeking god

7 7th day morning having sought god I set to my study—did somthing therin—after dinner Mercy Woodhead brought two children to be Catichized—then my wife and I spent some time in prayer—afternoon old Jon Priestly and Ant Lea came—sate a good while—Sam Holdworth brought me a letter from Mtris Frankland

8 | 1t day morning committing myself to god I went to my chappel—expounded Job 5 prayd preacht on 2 tim 2 19 a text left by Anne Booth dead—I insisted on first part foundation—catichized—could not finish it we were 11 at dinner—was in tollerable frame—blessed be god

9 2d day morning my dear Lord helpt—I tugd it for a text—did little but writ a letter to my son John, at noon would haue prayd—after dinner W Clay, Ch Hughs Mary Brooksbank came—after that I had some help in

my study blessed be god—Jer Baxter came

10 3d day morning after I had sought the Lord I set upon my sermon studying—god helpt—Mr Benj Denton came to visit me—we discoursed—John Learoyd came set to

my work in afternoon—had mercy

11 4th day morning I sought the Lord, we had appointed a solemn-fast at my house, in the beginning I baptized Jer Baxters son Thomas and John Bentlys daughter Mary, fell to our work Jon Priestly jun prayed James Tetlaw, Sam Holdworth I preacht on Psal 51 17 prayed had mercy

12 5th day morning I sought god—and after family-prayer set on writing in my Book of Exceeding joy writ in it all

day-got pretty well forward

13 6th day morning I set to my study was helpt all forenoon, afternoon—Ant Naylor and Timothy Bancroft came to talk with me about Mr Smith remoue, stayd a

good while—I satisfyed them

7th day morning I sought god—set my self to write a letter to London to Ms Archer—after my talking with Mary Northen—finisht it—Charles Hughs came after dinner I payd him 1sh, my wife and I were sweetly helped to spend some time in prayer—Joshua Stansfield of Horton and his wife came to us

15 It day morning I made ready—was carryed to my chappel expounded Job 6 prayd preacht on 2 tim 2 19 catichized in the afternoon—god helpt—at night came Robt Walker, John Hanson—John Ramsden—talkt

about Mr Smiths remove to Bingly

2d day morning having committed myself to god I set upon writing an Epistle to Sir Robert Duckinfield—did somwt after dinner Willm Clay came discoursed I went to my study writ in my book of Exceeding joy

17 | 3d day morning I put myself, case into gods hands writ a little in my book of Exceeding joy—at dinner came Robt Walker—about one [a] clock came Mr Dawson Mr Priestly Mr Bairstow—to consult about Mr Smiths staying at Warly or removing to Bingly we framed a paper subscribed our hands to it, they went away betwixt 4 and 5 a clock--I sought the Lord in my poor manner

4th day morning after I had by prayer put myself into gods hands I set on studying sermons till noon alas then my heart was shut up—after dinner Jo Learoyd and Jon Priestly sen came—I was hindred in discoursing—

yet profitable converse

19 5th day morning hauing sought god I set upon studying my sermon—forenoon—god did somthing help me before dinner in afternoon should haue been young mens conference but they came not—I writ in my treatise of exceeding joy

20 6th day morning after prayer I committed my self to god—writ, finisht my book of Exceeding joy—Willm Clay, John Priestly came brought me 3 letters, Nathan Baxter came—I had mercy—Tho Bentlys daughter—

some company—I sought god—school-master

7th day morning I put myself into gods hands went to my study—John Craven came brought me a letter from Mr Byram—Martha Binns came—my wife and I spent some time in prayer—Ant Lea came brought me a letter from Cozen W Woolstenholm—told me strange things I went to my study

22 It day morning I put my self into gods hands went in my chair to my chappel read Job 7 prayd preached on 2 Tim 2 19—catichized—were 10 at dinner—in my house—some came in at night—I repeated to my wife

prayd in the family slept pretty well

23 2d day morning I put my self into gods hands tossed much of forenoon in debate about a writing Mary Stocks came—Jon Priestly sen came I gaue him a Bill of return, went to my chamber writ many receits, a letter to send to Mr Gowland, had a deal of adoe with them

24 3d day morning having sought the Lord I set myself to write some Questions and Answers for J Stansfields wife dispatcht principles in 20 maximes—wt knowing

them is, Margaret Milnes came, Willm Clay, Sam Hold-

worth I set again to my work was helpt in it

25 4th day morning I found help in my chamber, set to my work Jer Baxter and John Holdworth calld me off-I studyed writ my Catichisticall Querys for J Stansfields wife and towards night came Mr Joseph Dawson, Mr Robert Miln, Mr Clegge a preacher the two later stayd all night with us Mr Joseph Dawson went to Mr John Brearcliffes I was hindred by discourse with them

26 5th day morning I got up went into my chamber was helpt-got Mr Clegge to goe to prayer, he prayd well, they went away, I set to my study was helpt all day only Mr Wood, John Holdworth, came upon busines others called going to the funerall of John Hartly, our

Susanna went, came home by 4 a clock

27 6th day morning hauing sought god—I finisht my Sabboth-work set on writing principles, at noon Jo Learoyd Mr Joseph Wilkinson came, John Holdworth, who brought a text psal 34 19 for me to preach John Hartlys funerall sermon I went to my study did som-

thing-prayd

7th day morning I committed myself to god, studied 28 writ some in principles improved, Nathan Heywood came I gaue him 5sh for Mr Byram, Mr John Hemingway came brought me letters and a book from Mr Tim Jolly, Elk Bury, after they were gone my wife and I spent some time together in prayer—god greatly inlarged us- blessed be god

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1t day morning I put myself into gods hands it was a sharp frost I was carryed to the chappel read expounded Job 8 prayd—preacht on 2 tim 2 19 the Lord knoweth them that are his--was helped all day Warly-people dined with me-told me Mr Smith would not leave them,

after all this hurry

2d day morning after seeking god, in family chamber I set my self to write a letter to my Lady Hewly, after dinner old Jon Priestly came paid me 22li 19sh upon return his son came shortly after, young Jonathan, we discourst of severall things-he went away I went to my study near 5 a clock, sought god

3 dday morning I sought god writ a letter to Elk Berry, his father John Berry came dined with us I gaue him 5li John Hemingway came I gaue him 3li studyed writ

out my 20 principles for J S

4 4th day morning after my poor closet and family work I set upon studying a funerall sermon on psal 32 19 for John Hartly whose wife came yesterday to desire it—I studyed hard all day had no disturbance by any bodys coming—found mercy—but cut short in my prayer at noon helpt at night blessed be god

5th day morning I set about studying my sermons after seeking god—was helpt—a young man from Howarth parish called John Akeroyd came in much trouble many tears to talk with me about soul-concerns I did talk much with him—our schoolmaster came after dinner—

I finisht my sermon for Lords day, blessed be god

6 6th day morning hauing sought god I set myself to write some particulars for a preface to my book of Exceeding joy was helpt forenoon and after, Sam Holdworth came gaue us an account of his journey to York—after dinner John Learoyd came discoursed, towards night I met with god

7 7th day morning having sought god I writ 2 letters one large one to brother Hilton another to Mr Chorlton—came down after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer together—how sweetly—I went to my study—conn'd my notes, was a little helpt in meditation—

secret prayer

8 It day morning after secret-family-dutys I was carryed to my chappel, read Job 9 spake to it preacht a funerall sermon for John Hartly upon psal 34 19 both ends—was helped—chatichized—Enoch Halsted discoursed

with me at night-I repeated to my wife

2d day morning hauing sought god I set to my study, and took a new text on my own account—was helped in it—at noon Willm Clay came, old Jon Priestly brought money, then came John Hanson with a message from Robt Walker to whom I writ—Jer Baxter came in the morning

10 3d day morning I put myself into gods hands—fell close to my study writ to Mr Priestly—Jo Priestly called for letter money we dined Sarah Learoyd came—I studyed

without disturbance had help blessed be god—John
Priestly called told me sad tidings of K Williams death
4th day morning Jer Baxter came and sd that news of
K Wils death was not true—but he was much out of
order, I set myself to study—followed my Sabboth-days
work close—forenoon and after I had no disturbance—

was helpt—blessed be god

12 5th day morning I sought god—after family prayer I went into my chamber designed to spend that forenoon in prayer begun at 9 a clock, sought god—confessed my sins—was helpt about an hour hauing read Psal 38—then read 42 psal prayd for my wife, children, relations, congregation—then read a chapter pleaded with god for King, Kingdom—church—but was dull distracted after dinner old Jon Priestly came with the sad ceartain news of K Willms death—I went to my study—prayd

13 6th day morning I sought god—had mercy set myself to write reflections on the sad news of K Willms death I also writ 2 letters to Mr Priestly to my son John—Jer

Baxter, John Learoyd came after dinner

7th day morning hauing sought god I writ two letters to my two sons. Mary Brooksbank came,—after dinner my wife and I spent some time in prayer sweetly blessed be god, then came Willm Northens wife Martha I gaue her a catichism for one J Whitaker of Southourum

15 It day which was the day of my Baptizing at Bolton 72 years agoe I set out to my chappel prayd preached on 1 Pet 3 21—about Answering Baptism—god helpt in severall cases—we had 9 or 10 at dinner, Jon Priestly

his son Jon stayd after—god helpt

2d day morning I set myself to seek god and was helped—prepared somthing—but was hindred—in the afternoon I begun to write in a treatise of Answer of a good conscience to Baptism—did somwt—sought god

17 3d day morning after seeking god I set upon my writing for Warley people—after dinner walkt with my wife to John Learoyds Jonas Northens discoursed with them,

came back studyed writ

4th day morning having committed myself to god Jer Baxter came told me Jo Lambert Esq was to be buryed this day I set upon my work for Warly finisht it, had little hindrance but John Learoyd coming after dinner

-god helpt me a little

5th day morning I was a little helped to seek god, set myself to study—write—did somthing old Jon Priestly came and after dinner Mr Joseph Wilkinson our master, I studyed made additions to my Lords day work—sought god

20 6th day morning after I had sought the Lord I studyed tho not much—writ over Warly-paper was a little helped in prayer—John Holdworth came—I writ in my treatise

of Baptism

21 7th day morning having sought god I writ a letter to cozen W W—to them in Warley—Charles Hughs came, Judith Butler, Martha Bins—I catichized 2 children

my wife and I prayd together—God helpt

22 1t day morning I committed my self to god, went to my chappel on mens shoulders—read Job 11 prayd preacht on 1 Pet 3 21 god helpt it was my quarter-day 4li 12sh 0 was brought to table—I repeated in the family

23 2d day morning hauing sought god—I set upon studying for Lords day following—in forenoon—in the afternoon I writ two letters to York—and Mr Jer Bairstow came

to whom I gaue his 50sh had his receit

24 3d day after secret and family exercise I set upon my work for Lords day toyld at it—wt I did pleased me not Sam Holdworth old Jon Priestly came after dinner—yet afternoon god did help me in my meditations—letter from my son John

25 4th day morning after devotions—I set my self to the studying of my sermons for Lords day—was helped—and after dinner John Learoyd came we discoursed I

went to my study—sought god

26 5th day morning I went to my study after I had read my chapters—god helpt in prayer—went down to family prayer breakfast—Jer Baxter came, went to my study set about my work, Willm Clay came after dinner, John Bently, I studyed was helpt in seeking god

27 6th day morning after seeking god I studyed a little Enoch Halsted came we discoursed—I went to my chappel prayd preacht on Mark 16 7 God helpt tho but

few hearers—Jon Priestly came

7th day having performed usuall dutys Mary Northen came—I writ 2 letters into Lanc—Sam Holdworth came
John Milns wife her brother Sam Day—Ant Lea—my
wife and I were helped together—I was helped alone in
self-examination meditation prayer—sweetly

29 It day morning I waited on god as I was able was carryed to my chappel—prayd preacht on Mark 16 7 god helpt administred the Lords supper but was weary with talking got J P to serve the rest, had help in the

afternoon, we had many at dinner

2d day morning having committed my self to god I set upon studying for Wednesday following at W Clays studyed hard all day—but Jer Baxter came in morning Willm Clay after dinner—I writ a letter to Leeds—had some assistance

31 3d day morning I sought the Lord—went into my chamber set on my study for the day following—finisht—John Bently of only-house came Jo Craven helpt to weigh it—he paid me 12sh-6 for 75 stone of hay at 2d a stone, the first that ever I sold having parted with my horse—I returned to my study—writ in Ans to Bapt

April, 1702.

1 4th day morning I sought the Lord—did some little but waited for my Bearers Joshua Stocks, Obadiah Wood, was carryed to Willm Clays where we had a private fast himself prayd long—old Jon Priestly James Tetlaw I preached on Psal 51 17—Joseph Ianson visited me—Mary Brooksbank stayd James Oates, John Sonier carryed me

2 5th day morning I committed my self to god and set upon my study for Lords day and god did help me therin after dinner our schoolmaster came—I studyed but alas my prayers at noon and night were but poor, god knows

6th day morning having sought I studyed part of a sermon—sought god before dinner, after dinner Enoch Halsted came brought me a letter from Sir Charles Hoghton went again—I studyed, writ a letter to brother Hilton committed myself and all to god

4 7th day morning having discharged family-work I set myself to study—writ a letter for London—went to 6

dinner, my wife and I spent some time together in prayer god helpt I went to my study did somthing

5 It day morning I committed my self to god was carryed to my chappel expounded Job 12 prayd preached on 2 tim 2 19 was helpt in 20 particulars of the evil of sin—catichized—J P came

2d day morning I put myself into gods hands writ somthing in Exceeding joy—the afternoon 9 young men came to conference we spent 2 hours on the Qu How must a christian walk suitably by principles—profession we spent 2 hours profitably immediately after came 3 lads of Jo and Benj Butterworths in Warly sd Catichism

proof, psalmes—blessed be god—Mr Eli da[w] son came in morning Robt Walker J Baxter at night

7 3d day morning hauing put my self into gods hands I fell to writing preface to my Book of Exceeding joy which I finisht Mercy Woodhead came in abundance of perplexity of spirit with whom I discoursed—Willm Clay came after dinner, Nathan Fernside came from Nathan Baxters to be catichized, said all, brought a man

in my chamber—Jo Farrar and his wife came

8 4th day morning I had mercy—found some help but short-winded—I studyed forenoon writ in my book of Answer of a good conscience—after dinner came Jonathan Benne who sd his psalmes we gaue him 6d and Allens Book—Mr Nath Priestly and Tho Hodgson came—we discoursed freely

9 5th day morning having rested ill that night I got up went into my study—god helpt somthing I would have prayed before dinner but could doe little, after dinner John Learoyd came—I was greatly helpt in my study

to prepare for Lords day

6th day morning early old Jonathan Priestly came we discoursed then I went up into my chamber, sought god—came down to breakfast prayer, John Craven workt for us—afternoon went to my study writ in Answer of a good conscience—Mary Brooksbank came I went down talkt with her, went to prayer with her, went up again did somthing

7th day morning Willm Clay came to visit me—I had mercy all that night blessed be god—I went to my study, studyed sermons hard that day—was helpt in afternoon

my wife and I spent some time in prayer—sweetly—Mr Joseph Crowther came to tell us he would goe to Pon-

fret on Tuesday

12 It day morning I got ready committed my self to god—
after prayer when we were ready to goe comes Mr Nath
Priestly offers his service to preach for me all day for
he sd Mr Willm Perkins that marryed Alice Mitchel
that week would preach for him at Halifax—he did pray
—preach on Luk 19 22—all day very well—went home
at night

2d day morning I was helped in some measure—and writ a letter to my son John—studyed—at dinner Joseph Wilkinson our Schoolmaster came I payd him 30sh Willm Clay, I went up again with much difficulty, then Mr Wright came I sate with him—got up again with

much adoe

3d day morning I got up into my chamber with much adoe sought the Lord—god helpt—I writ in my book of Answer of a good conscience but in noon dutys I sadly puzzled in my spirit Tho Bently came to see me—we sate in my chamber I received a letter from Willm Whitehead—Anne Ambler came who had miscarryed I talkt seriously to her

4th day morning I found mercy set to my study writ in my book of Answer of a good conscience—Sam Drake came Abr Scot Jon Priestly sen—Jer Baxter Mtris Ray of Leeds I had a letter from my son John by Mr Crowther that he would come visit us to night—my son John came, John Wright of Quarry-hill by Leeds and John

Miln visited me

5th day morning my son John and I went into my chamber, spent some time in prayer before family-prayer he prayed then—I went to my study was called down to Mr Hartly preacher at Ludden came to visit me—once our schoolmaster, stayd a while then went away, I fell to my writing work after dinner—had assistance

17 6th day morning Sam Holdworth came from York after I had been in my chamber—Mary Brooksbank, Willm Clay, he stayd prayers I went to my study writ out my 20 Qu and Ans after dinner Abr Scot came, I could doe

very little in my study but seek out some papers

7th day morning Willm Clay came, when we went to prayer—I went up into my study did somthing but little Susan went to town by 10 a clock, came about one Martha Bins brought two children to say psalmes Catich, my wife and I spent some time in prayer in my chamber I sought god alone Tim Bancroft came, brought me 20sh from Warly

19 It day morning I had slept little taking thought about my work, but when I was carryed to my chappel, and standing 2 hours in expounding Job 9 praying preaching on 2 tim 2 19 I was helped forenoon and after beyond expectation—blessed be god—J P and A N, J W came

at night

2d day morning after closet and family prayer I set to writing in Ans of a good consc—at noon Willm Clay and John Learoyd came—I went to my study writ a letter to my son John—Jon Priestly jun and his wife came—sate with me 2 hours—had discourse

3d day morning I sought god—had mercy went to my study writ in my Book of Baptism—Charles Hughs comes at noon tells me his son Charles speech was taken away, they must take him from school—I went to my study did somthing in my work was a little helpt in prever

4th day morning I called on god in my poor manner set a studying had mercy in forenoon in writing, J Bently and John Craven weighed 45 stone of hay, for which I had 7sh-6—I went to my work again in afternoon but could make little of it—but sought god—Jer

Baxter Jo Bently came

5th day morning I was short-winded much adoe to get up into my chamber could doe little in prayer in studying at noon John Priestly came to buy hay—his father old Jonathan came up to me in my chamber—sate aboue 2 hours we discoursed of many things

6th day morning I was but ill, the I got a good nights sleep went to my chamber with great difficulty—sought god, very poorly, came to dinner, Willm Clay came, we discoursed—I went to my study but did little, was som-

thing helpt in prayer blessed be god

7th day morning hauing sought god in my study I went down to breakfast prayers—returned writ two letters

into Lancashire, Joshuah Stansfield called of me to whom I gaue his papers for his wife—Anne Ambler came (good Anne) I talkt with her found her very serious my wife and I spent some time together in prayer—sweetly, blessed be god

26 It day morning I was little fit for the work of that day yet made a venture—read Job 14 did pray but was short preacht on 2 Tim 2 19 finisht it—had severall dined with us—finisht that text—Tim Bancroft prayd with us at noon, some came in at night—I was very weary

27 2d day morning I was ill had much adoe to get up into my chamber—came down kept down all day began to write but was not able—Mr Wright came, Mr Bairstow came went to prayer with me—old Willm Walker, I sent for Jon Priestly—his father and he came both—discoursed took my will to copy—we discoursed many things—I was somthing better in the afternoon—blessed be god

28 3d day morning I was not able to goe up into my chamber—prayd below, had company came Jon Priestly, John Holdworth Sam Drake John Learoyd to seal my will—was a little assisted in afternoon in the parlour—Sam Holdworth came.

4th day morning I had help to get up, and my wife left me in the parlour—we went to family-prayer god helpt I had many visitors—Willm Clay came went to prayer with me, Elisab—Mary Ramsden, Grace Ramsden, James Tetlaw, Ant Naylor, young Jo Priestly his father went to prayer with me—other company

Oliver Heywood died at his House in Northowram 4th May, 1702, so that he continued his Diary till within five days of his Death. (1)

- "Well done! good and faithful Servant." (2)
- (1) Rev. Richard Slate's writing, or Mr. Samuel Heywood's—
- (2) Rev. Joseph Hunter's writing—

And few would deny me the pleasure of adding my autograph.

Joseph Horsfall Turner. 1884.

Notes* respecting Mr. Frankland's Pupils.

See "Rev. O. Heywood's MSS," Vol. 2, pp. 9—16, Northowram or Nonconformist Register, ed. by J. Horsfall Turner, also "Appendix to Dr. Toulmin's History of Protestant Dissenters," and "Monthly Repository," 1813, p. 181.

[N.R. signifies the Northowram Register; M.R.—Monthly

Repository; and Dr. T .- Dr. Toulmin.]

1 G. LYDDALL: Son of Sir Thos. Lyddall. Noncon.

Memorial, Vol. 2, p. 179. He died single. M.R.

3 T. WHITAKEE: Minister in Leeds near 35 years, died Nov. 19, 1710, buried 21st. A man of admirable parts, great learning, piety and usefulness, aged abt 60. N.R. See his Sermons published by Bradbury. See Toulmin's Histy. p. 575. He was an Independent.

4 H. Ormond: Ormorett in M.R.

5 T. Elston: Minister at Chesterfield was seized in the pulpit in prayer on the fast day, March 15, 1710, with a disorder in his head, died March 31, buried April 3. A serious good man. He had been pastor to a small congregation at Topcliffe, and had but lately removed from them. N.R. He was an Independent. He was at Topcliffe in 1691; see List in Hunter's Life of O. H. His Funeral Sermon was preached by Rev. Tho. Whitaker, of Leeds, who had been his fellow student, and survived him only a few months.

6 T. BAYLEY: "Bayliff Nov. 1." M.R. Mr. Hunter, Life of O. H., p. 271, copies from sermon preached by O. H. at the funeral of Mr. Bayley, of Morley and Topcliffe. The stone which covers his remains in the burial ground at Morley still exists. [This was Samuel Bayley.]

7 J. Holdsworth: Minister at Cleck Heaton, died Dec. 15, buried 18th, 1711, at Burstall. N.R. He was ordained Sep. 4, 1689, when he had been a preacher twelve years, by

^{*}Though far from perfect, these notes, mainly compiled by the Rev. R. Slate, will probably prove acceptable to many readers. The reader is recommended to search the indexes of the four Vols. of the *Diaries* now in his hands, for other references to Nonconformist Ministers.

O. Heywood and others. See Hunter's Life of O. H. p. 363.

He was at Alverthorpe in 1691, Noncon. in Idle.

9 S. Yates: Son of Mr. Robt. Yates ejected from Warrington, and successor to his father as Dissenting Minister there. Noncon. Memorial, Vol. II. 381. Halley's Lanc.

pp. 376, 418.

11 T. Jolly: Minister in Sheffield died March 28, 1714, buried March 30. A worthy useful man. N.R. He was the son of Thomas Jolly ejected from Altham. Select Noncon. Remains. He was ordained at Sheffield, April 25, 1681, and succeeded Mr. Frankland as Tutor at Attercliffe. Mr. F. died in 1698, and O. H. records in his diary that when Mr. Tim. Jollie visited him in 1700 he had sent out more than 40 young men into the ministry, and at that time had 26 under his care. Halley's Lancashire.

15 J. Issot: Mr. Issot became an assistant to Mr. Frankland, both as preacher at Natland, and tutor to the students. He was privately ordained July 8th, 1678, with some others

by Messrs Frankland and O. Heywood.

1674 Mr Frankland left Rathmell being invited by a con-

gregation to Natland in Westmoreland. M.R. 1811.

16 J. Heywood: Elder son of O. H. At Pontefract many years. He died Sep. 6, 1704, aged 48. I met with the names of Timothy Hodgson and John Heywood, in the Archbp's Books at York, 1702, as though they had received Episcopal ordination. T. H. was son of Capt. Hodgson, and Lady Hewley's Chaplain.—J.H.T.

17 E. Heywood: Younger son of O. H. At Dronfield in Derbyshire. There were six persons in his Congregation who had votes for County Members. *James' Pampht.* p. 12.

18 T. Cotton: afterwards went to Edinburgh where he received the degree of M.A. He died in London, July 1730. See Wilson's Hist. of Dissent. Churches, Vol. 4, 376—388. He had travelled much abroad, and was not ordained till Nov. 25, 1696, by Messrs. O. Heywood, Dawson & Johnson. Halley, pp 413, 419.

19 Christopher Richardson, senior, ejected from Kirkheaton, see Calamy, Miall, Halley. C. R. junior, see Halley.

20 G. Kerby: An only son of Mr. Kerby [who was ejected from Wakefield. Noncon. Mem. Vol. III, 454]; died Nov. 22, 1686, aged 28. A hopeful young preacher. N.R. Had preached only once. [?] M.R.

23 J. Nisbet: Dr. T., p 577. Wilson's Hist. Vol. III,

pp 282, 287.

24 J. Boys: pastor with Mr. (after Dr.) Danl. Williams in Dublin, and remained there after Mr. Williams came to London.

26 D. Lister: He died young to the great grief of his worthy parents who lived at Thornton near Bradford. M.R.

27 D. LARKHAM: Son of George Larkham ejected from Cockermouth. He was admitted a member of his father's church. See "Cockermouth, History &c." and "Diary."

28 E. Birch: Minister at Manchester. Died May 12, 1717, buried May 15th. A man of eminent ministerial abilities. The loss is very great. N.R. Halley, pp. 419, 462n.

30 T. Halliday: He became assistant to Mr. Daniel Williams at Dublin, and died in 1683. He was succeeded

by Mr. J. Boys.

32 J. Ray: Mr. Jno. Ray of Gommersall dyed of a fever Sept. 17, 1692, buried at Birstall, Sepr. 20, aged 40. Preacher at Pudsey and Closes. N.R. He was ordained at Alverthorpe, Sep. 4, 1689, by Messrs. O. Heywood, Hawden, Johnson, Naylor, and Dawson.

33 J. Whitworth: He became Minister at Cockey Chapel, Lancashire, in 1696, and died Feb. 13, 1721, in the 66th

year of his age, and was buried there in the chapel.

35 J. Byrom: Minister at Holmfirth, died Sep. 9, 1709 buried Sep. 12, N.R. He was first at Stockport and afterwards at Saddleworth. M.R.

37 S. Angier: Nephew to O. H. Minister at Liverpool, buried Feb. 24, 1698, aged 40. N.R. Halley's Lancashire, pp. 358, 410, 412. Davies' Essex, 581-3.

38 ROBERT MEEK: see Canon Hulbert's Slaithwaite.

William Meek, see Halley's Lancashire.

39 N. Heywood: Son of Mr. N. H. of Ormskirk. He died Oct. 56, 1704. His uncle O. H. records of him that he was much troubled with lowness of spirits, but when thus afflicted would often preach in a lively manner without the use of notes. He succeeded his father as Dissenting Minister at Ormskirk. He was ordained at Attercliffe, June 1, 1687, by Messrs. O. Heywood, Frankland, &c. See Halley.

41 H. LATHAM: He was the father of Dr. Latham, a physician at Newcastle, who was one of the hearers of Mr.

B. Bennett, and published some of his Discourses. M.R. 1811, p. 205.

42 blank, but 56 is repeated.

44 J. Eaton: Dr. T. p. 572-3. He was settled at Macclesfield in 1696, and, according to Dr. Clegg, removed first to Nottingham and then to Colchester. In his congregation at Macclesfield were 500 persons, 48 of whom had votes for

the County-members. James, p. 10.

46 P. Finch: son of Mr. Henry Finch, ejected from Walton, Lancashire. He settled at Norwich, and died there, after having lived to bury three successive generations. He was chaplain to Mr. Ashurst, and in 1691 was invited to be colleague with Mr. Josiah Chorley of Norwich. He died in 1754 on his 93rd birth-day. Dr. John Taylor preached his funeral sermon in which he says "He survived not only almost all the 300 gentlemen that in the space of 30 years were educated in that academy [Mr. Franklands] but moreover outlived all the acads. in the north which succeeded Mr. Frankland's. M.R. 1811, p. 459. Henry Finch—see Halley. (A Mr. F. of Norwich died 1698, aged 63. N.R.)

48 T. Lea: settled at Knutsford, Cheshire. He had in

48 T. Lea: settled at Knutsford, Cheshire. He had in his congregation 500 persons, of whom 77 possessed votes

for the County-members. James, p. 10.

50 J. LISTER: Minister at Tingley, or Topcliffe, died April 11, 1707, of a very short sickness, and was buried there. N.R. He was ordained at Alverthorpe, Sep. 4, 1689, by O. Heywood and others. He was minister at Elland in Sep. 1691. See *Hunter's Life of O. H.* p. 375. There were in the congregation at Tingley 60 persons who had votes for the County-members. James, p. 53.

55 G. Jones: Minister at Hatherlow near Stockport, died June, 1717. N.R. He was turned out of the old chapel because he would not read the Common Prayer. He was succeeded by his son Joshua. M.R. 300 persons belonged to congregation, 36 of whom were voters for the County-

members. James, p. 10.

56 W. Heap: Horn in M.R.

57 J. GLEADIL: Dr. T. p. 578. He died at Colchester, Dec. 20, 1727, in the 66th year of his age, having been minister there 34 years.

58 T. WHALLEY: Minister at Hindley, Lancashire, died

about Midsummer, 1706. N.R.

59 J. Billingsley: probably the person whose Life is recorded in Wilson's Hist. Vol. I, 77, 82. Son of John Billingsley ejected from Chesterfield. 7 years at Selston. Afterwards 10 years at Hull. In 1706 became colleague with Dr. Harris, London. Died May 2, 1722, aged 64.

61 S. Farrand: Tarrow. M.R.

- 62 A. HOLLAND: Dr. Adam H., minister at Macclesfield, died April, 1716, aged 48. N.R. He was M.D. His congregation consisted of 500 persons, 90 of whom possessed votes for the County-members. James, p. 11.
- 65 J. Carrington: Minister at Lancaster died March, 1701, aged 48. N.R. He was ordained at Alverthorpe, Sep. 4, 1689, by Messrs. O. Heywood, Hawden, Johnson, Nailor, and Dawson. He was born in Cheshire. There were in his congregation at Lancaster 260 persons, 21 of whom had votes for the County-members. James, p. 23.

66 T. Heaward: Heyworth. M.R.

- 67 J. WRIGHT: minister in Lightcliffe, near Halifax, died June 25, 1727, aged about $67\frac{1}{2}$ years, buried in Halifax churchyard, June 28th, N.R. He was at Idle in 1691.
- 68 A. Dawson: Minister at Cottingham died Feb. 5, 1733. N.R. He preached at Stannington, near Sheffield, afterwards at Cottingham near Hull. M.R. At Stannington 1689 to 1696. In his time the Book of Common Prayer ceased to be used in the chapel. Hunter's Hallamshire, p. 273. He was ordained at Attercliffe, Sep. 11, 1688, by Messrs Frankland, Prime, Dawson, Tim. Jollie, and others. There were 350 persons in his congregation, 20 of whom had votes for the County-members. James, p. 42.
- 70 J. Aldred: He became minister at Monton, near Eccles, Lancashire, where his ministry was very useful. He was an intimate friend of Mr. M. Henry, whose people requested him to become their pastor when Mr. Henry removed to Hackney, but he preferred remaining at Monton, at which place he died, August, 1729. He was ordained at Attercliffe, Sep. 11, 1688, see no. 68 above. He published a sermon preached at Manchester, Nov. 14, 1716, in commemoration of the victory over the Rebels at Preston-Pans, Nov. 14, 1715. 612 persons belonged to his congregation, 29 of whom had votes for the County-members. James' Pamphlet, p. 21. Halley's Lancashire.

73 N. Kershaw: Minister in Craven, died at London, and was buried April 18, 1707. N.R. He succeeded Mr. Issot as minister in Craven, and had been preaching honestly and living exemplary two or three years when he was ordained by O. Heywood and others, April 8, 1691.

76 W. Tong: The intimate friend and biographer of Mr. Matthew Henry. He was ordained at Chester and preached there some time. He settled at Knutsford, in Cheshire, in 1687. Thence he removed to Coventry. In 1702 he was invited to settle at Salter's Hall, and remained there till his death, March 21, 1727, aged 65 years. He wrote the commentaries in Henry's Bible on the Hebrews. He was a very eminent and useful minister. In his congregation at Chester were 1000 persons, 83 of whom had votes for the Countymembers. James, p. 10.

80 T. Thompson: Nos. 78 and 79 are not given by Mr. Heywood, and No. 80 appears as 77 in the Monthly Repository List. All the names after this are numbered three less than

in Mr. Heywood's List.

"Mr. Thompson, minister in Stockton, preached on Lords Day, April 6, 1729, his text "What shall I do to be saved?" He supped, went to bed in usual health, awoke about one o'clock, was ill, and died about 2." N.R. Born July 13, 1661, M.R. He had a congregation of 250 persons. James, p. 17.

83 J. Key: Cay. Afterwards a Physician of eminence

and a great naturalist at Newcastle. M.R.

84 J. Key: Cay. A very considerable Lawyer, Author of the Abridgemt. of the Statutes. M.R.

86 T. Kenaston: He died minister at Manchester, May

16, 1705. M.R.

87 N. Priestley: Died Sep. 5, 1728, buried 9th, in Halifax Church; of Ovenden. A worthy minister, a great loss especially to the congregations at Halifax and Bradford. N.R. He was at Warley in 1691. Hunter's Life of O. H., p. 375. He was ordained June 6, 1694 at Horton nr. Bradford by O. H. and others. He was son of Mr. Priestley, O. H's friend. When the chapel was built at Halifax, in 1696, Mr. Priestley became the minister there, and continued to his death.

89 N. Scholes: He died minister of Macclesfield, Oct. 2, 1702, aged 37. M.R.

90 J. Chorlton: Assistant and successor of Mr. Newcome of Manchester. He was a truly eminent man as a preacher and tutor. He died in the midst of extensive usefulness, May 19, 1705. Manchester Socin. Controversy, p. 144. Halley's Lanc.

91 Adam Mort: Halley's Lanc. p. 363. 92 R. Frankland: He died of the smallpox. M.R.

94 J. Root: This young man died at the age of 19. Henry Roote, see Halley.

- 95 E. Brogden: A Minister of this name was settled at Narborough and Wigston near Leicester. M.R. His congregation at N. numbered 150, and at W. 200. Among these were 40 who had County votes. James, p. 24.
- 96 J. SAGAR: minister at the new Chapel, Wakefield, died March 28, 1710, buried near Woodkirk, March 31st, aged 44, a worthy useful man, a very great loss. N.R. Ordained Sep. 20, 1693. See MS Church-book at Wymond Houses. Funeral Sermon printed by Whitaker. He had been near 20 years at Wakefield. He was at Alverthorpe in 1691. The ministers who assisted at his ordination were Messrs. Tho. Jollie, Sagar, senior, (his father), Waddington and Jno. Walker. Mr. Heywood was prevented by an engagement. The congregation at Wakefield consisted of 400 persons, among whom were 40 who possessed votes for the County members. James, p. 41.

100 J. NAYLOR: minister at St. Helen's, Lancashire, died about April 8, 1710, left 13 children and his wife pregnant. N.R. He was about 46 years of age. Mr. Matthew Henry preached his funeral sermon from 2 Cor. 4, 11. He was a very useful minister. He was son of Mr. Peter Naylor of Wakefield. The Congregation at St. H. numbered 697, among whom were 54 County-voters. James, p. 22. Halley.

101 R. Anderton: Was ordained at Mr. Frankland's, Rathmell, June 7, 1693, by Messrs. O. Heywood, Frankland, Dawson, Carrington of Lancaster, and Puncheon of Rossendale. He was then settled at Whitehaven. O. H. says "whose people sent a very full testimonial of his abilities, usefulness and conversation." *Hunter*, p. 378.

102 J. Sidebotham: settled at Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire. He died June 30, 1693, a very pious young man. See Life of John Ash. M.R.

111 J. Bayes: He was born at Sheffield in 1671. Ordained in London publicly June 22, 1694. He wrote the exposition on the epistle to the Galatians in Mr. Henry's Commentary. He died in London, April 24, 1746, in the 76th year of his age. See his Life and Character in Wilson's Histy. Dissent. Churches in London, Vol. 4, p. 396-9. Hunter says his father, who was of the same name, was Master Cutler of Sheffield in 1679. His father's brother, Sam Bayes was for some time minister of Beauchief, but was silenced by the Act of Uniformity.

113 J. Gill: He was at Pontefract in 1691. Hunter's O.H. p. 375. Assistant to Mr. Tim. Jollie at Sheffield in whose family he resided. He removed to Hull to be minister of the congregation over whom Mr. Ashley had presided. In his last sickness he was advised by the Physicians to remove to York for the benefit of a change of air, but he was too far gone. He died there Jan. 23, 1709, aged only 40 years. See his character described by Thos. Whitaker, Sermons, p. 178. He married a Mrs. Spencer, Michaelmas, 1704. N.R.

115 J. Piggot: He was the first minister of a General Baptist Church in Hart St., London, in 1693. In 1699 he with a considerable part of the congregation withdrew and commenced the Baptist Church in Little Wild St. He died in connection with this Society in 1713. Tomlin's List, 579.

120 S. Stephens: Mr. Samuel Stephens died in London soon after 1692, for whom Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Calamy preached a funeral sermon. *Calamy's Life*, Vol. I, p. 311.

128 J. WALKER: Minister at Horwich, near Bolton, and was much esteemed by his brethren in the neighbourhood. His congregation consisted of above 150.

130 S. Lowe: Minister at Knutsford, Cheshire, died April 19, 1709 of a fever, aged about 40. A man of good parts and

uséfulness. N.R.

131 S. Baxter: The son of Mr. Nathaniel Baxter an ejected minister. He settled at Ipswich, and was minister there 39 years. He died July 19, 1740, aged 70. He was at Sheffield in 1691. He was ordained at Stand, April, 1694, by Messrs Newcome, Eaton, Samuel Angier, and others. He was then at Attercliffe. In the Congregation at Ipswich were 800 persons.

134 J. Jolly: nephew to Thos. Jolly, whom he assisted and then succeeded at Wymond Houses, Aug. 1702. He

continued pastor there until his death June 29, 1725. Ordained at Rathmel, May 26, 1698, with eight others by Messrs. Frankland, Aldred, Carrington and others. *Hunter's O. H.* p. 395. Abram's *Blackburn*, and *Congregationalist*, 1881.

136 J. Aske: an eminent minister in the Peak of Derbyshire. Dr. T's list, p. 579. Minister at Ashford near Bakewell. Had 21 voters for County-members in his congregation. James, p. 13.

138 J. Gorwood: Minister in Hull, buried about mid-

summer 1720. N.R.

140 T. Barnes: minister in Newcastle, died June 30, 1731. N.R. The congregation at N. consisted of 700 persons.

145 R. Scholffeld: He was settled first at Whitworth, near Rochdale, and in 1727 removed to Ringhay in Cheshire. He died near Ratcliffe Bridge, and was buried, Aug. 16, 1728. N.R. His congregation at Ringhay consisted of 400 persons, 96 of whom had votes for the County. A Richard Scholfield, A.B., of Brighouse, was buried at Elland, in 1672.

148 J. Holland: minister at Alfreton, Derbyshire, died of two days' sickness, Nov. 19, 1752. N.R. He was ordained at Mr. Frankland's, Rathmel, June 7, 1693, by Revs. O. Heywood, Frankland, Dawson, Carrington, and Puncheon (of Rossendale). He was then minister in Swaledale.

Hunter, p. 378.

152 B. Angler: Dr. Bez. A. died at London about August 1, 1717. He was son of Mr. Samuel Angier, minister at

Duckenfield. N.R.

158 T. Dickenson: He preached first at Gorton, near Manchester. He was ordained May 24, 1694, at Stand by Messrs. Newcome, Eaton, Sam. Angier, and others. Hunter, p. 379. He removed to Northowram in 1702, and died there Decr. 26, 1743, and was buried Jan. 1, 1744, aged 73. He was an eminent, useful, and faithful minister of God's word; a meek and humble christian. He lived well, and died looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. N.R. There were 500 belonging to his congregation, 10 of whom possessed votes for the County-members. James, p. 41. Thomas Dickenson preached two sermons, which were published, on the death of Thomas Whitaker, A.M., Leeds, who died Nov. 19, 1710. A memoir by T. Jollie is prefixed, and T. Bradbury adds two other funeral sermons. Whitaker was the author of sermons published collectively, on the

deaths of Joseph Lister, of Kipping, Joshua Sagar, Thomas Elston, Jeremiah Gill, &c.*

There is another T. D. (No. 198) query, which one was

Mr. Heywood's successor?

- 160 E. Rothwell: He was ordained June 7, 1693, at Mr. Frankland's, Rathmell, and was then minister at Poulton le Fylde. *Hunter's* O. H. p. 378. He became minister at Tunley in Lancashire, near Wigan, and removed thence to Holcombe Chapel, near Bury, about 1712. He died Feb. 8, and was buried at Holcombe, Feb. 10, 1731. *N.R.* Whilst at Tunley he instructed some young men for the christian ministry. Mr. John Pilkington, minister of Preston and Walton chapels, 1716-61, was with him a year or two. At Holcombe there were 570 in the congregation of whom 23 had County-votes.
- 161 J. MITCHELL: minister about Rossendale, died about Nov. 1712, aged 40. N.R. Son of Richard Mitchell, of Marton Scar in Craven, an intimate friend of O. Heywood. He was ordained at Mr. Frankland's at Rathmel, June 7, 1693, commenced preaching at Chippin & Bolton. Hunter, 379
- 170 J. Dawson: He became minister at Rochdale and died there, April 15th, 1739, having been minister there about 40 years. He was ordained June 7, 1693, at Mr. Frankland's, Rathmel, by O. Heywood, Frankland, Dawson, (his father) Carrington of Lancaster, and Puncheon, of Rossendale in Westmoreland. He then preached at Harford, near Richmond in Yorkshire, but afterwards removed to Rochdale. Hunter, p. 379. There were 442 persons in the congregation, 22 of whom had votes for the County-members. James, p. 21.
- 175 J. Benson: Minister at Bridlington, buried May 2, 1720. N.R. Query if at Sandwich in Kent.
- 177 J. TAYLOR: ordained at Rathmel, with eight others, May 26, 1698, by Messrs Frankland, Carrington, Aldred, and others.

^{*}Mr. Dickenson preached at Ossett, the funeral sermon for his father-in-law, Richard Foster, of Ossett, who died Sep. 17th, was buried Sep. 18th, 1730, aged 77. See N.R. The eulogium runs—A great lover of good men and good ministers, Nonconformist or Conformist. Feared God from his youth, excelled in gifts and knowledge, eminent in grace and usefulness, a solid, judicious Christian, exact in life and conversation."

- 178 T. VALENTINE: minister at Kingsley near Frodsham. He had 100 persons in his congregation, 30 of whom possessed votes for the County-members. *James*, p. 10.
- 181 G. Lowe: dissenting minister, died in Chapel le Frith April, 1717. N.R. Mr. Loe, or Lowe, of Chorlton, was ordained at Stand, May 24, 1694, by Messrs Newcome, Eaton, Sam. Angier, and others. About 30 ministers were present. Hunter's O. H., p. 379. See 239.
- 182 C. Leech: In 1715 there was a dissenting congregation at Bilsay (Northumberland,) of which he was minister. Hunter's O. H. p. 290 note.
- 183 J. Kenyon: Minister at Toxteth Park, near Liverpool, buried Aug. 19, 1728. N.R. There were 249 persons in his congregation, 24 of whom possessed County votes. James.
 - 184 R. Holt: minister in Liverpool, died March 1718.
- 185 J. Seddon: probably the J. S. of Ormskirk. He afterwards removed to Hereford where probably he continued till his death. *Monthly Repository*, 1813, p. 289. He was the father of Mr. Seddon, minister at Warrington, who was born Dec. 8, 1724, ordained at Warrington, Dec. 8 1747, died there Jan. 22, 1770.
- 186 J. Heywood: minister at Stand, near Manchester, in 1715, and was buried there in Nov. 1729. "There were 338 persons in his congregation, 31 of whom possessed votes for County-members." James, p. 22.
- 187 J. Travis: ordained with eight others at Rathmel, May 26, 1698, by Mr. Frankland and others. *Hunter's O. H.* p. 395.
- 188 I. Worthington: probably the same as was minister at Durham, and preached Mr. Bennett's funeral sermon at Newcastle, Sep. 1726. He was ordained with eight others at Rathmel, May 26, 1698. His congregation at Durham consisted of persons, 30 of whom possessed votes for the County-members. James, p. 17. There was H. Worthington, of Dean Roe, Cheshire, Noncon: Register, p. 318; minister there from 1707 to his death in 1735.
 - 190 T. Blinston: minister at Park Lane, near Wigan.
- 192 J. Wood: Dr. T's List, p. 580. Minister at Chowbent, near Wigan. There were 1064 persons belonging to his congregation, 53 of whom had votes for the County-members.

194 J. Bowes: ordained with eight others at Rathmel, May 26, 1698.

198 T. Dickenson: ditto. see No. 158.

200 J. TAYLOR: ditto.

203 S. Wood: he was minister successively at Wivenhoe, Essex; Lavenham, Sussex; Bishop-Stortford, Herts; and Woodbridge, Suffolk; at which place he died, Septr., 1748.

204 S. Dawson: son of Mr. Joseph Dawson, ejected from

Thornton Chapel, Yorks. See also 68, and 170.

205 E. Dawson: another son. He had seven sons, six of whom were educated for the dissenting ministry, but afterwards deserted it. Four of them conformed. *Toulmin*, p. 580-1

207 R. Hesketh: minister at Platt Chapel, near Manchester, and Mrs. Hannah Sykes of Leeds married April 6th, 1708. N.R. He was one of the Trustees of Bispham Chapel, Lancashire, in 1716, when he was minister at Bank Newton, Yorkshire. Living at Lee Fair, near Wakefield, in 1746. He had a son who, in 1746, was minister at Northowram. (Bispham Chapel Deeds.) R. H. junior was educated at Glasgow University. He was minister successively at Walmsley, near Bolton, Eastwood, near Todmorden, Sanside near Lancaster, and Northowram. His tablet was in Northowram Chapel with this inscription in Latin. "Rev. Robt. Hesketh, of Glasgow University, was an eminent minister of the Gospel 52 years, and of this church 29, whose learning and moral character entitle him to the esteem of all his acquaintance. He departed this life in Christ, Jan. 19th, 1774, aged 77." His daughter, Phebe, was married to Robt. Fisher, of Marton near Blackpool. Her memoir is in the Evangelical Mag., 1812. See Intro. N.R.

210 A. Hill: Mr. Hill, minister at Knaresborough, died

about Oct. 1, 1720. N.R.

211 P. Giffiths: Mr. G. minister at Darwen, near Blackburn, buried April 19, 1723. N.R. See Abram's Blackburn. 218 J. Vaughs: ordained at Rathmel with eight others,

May 26, 169S.

219 R. Milnes: minister at Stockport, but declined the ministry many years before his death, May 5, 1732. N.R. In the congregation at Stockport were 629 persons of whom 42 were County voters. See *Halifar Families*, Vol. 2, for notice of Mr. Milne's descendants. In Stockport Churchyard is a stone bearing the inscription (perfected from the

Register): [Richard] son of [Mr. Richard Milne] who was buried Nov. [11th] A.D. 1725, in the 21st year of his age. Also Lydia, wife of Richard Miln, the elder, was buried Oct. — 1741, aged — . Also Nathaniel his son, buried Feb. 6, 1754, aged 4—.

222 T. Leatherland: settled at Stratford.

225 W. Benson: minister at Wakefield, died Jan. 12, 1713. N.R. Ordained at Warley, May 24, 1699, by Messrs. O. Heywood, Dawson senior and junior. There were 400 persons in his congregation at Wakefield, 40 of whom were

voters for County members.

227 J. Blamires: minister at Durham, buried Oct. 3, 1708. N.R. He was a native of Halifax and was ordained in the New Chapel there, Aug. 12, 1697, by Messrs O. Heywood, Priestley, Smith, and Wright. He was then settled at Durham, and continued there till his death. Hunter's Life of O. H., p. 394.

228 R. Wilson: minister at Rotherham, died of a fever

Oct. 8. buried Oct. 10, 1715. N.R.

235 P. Peters: minister at Mill Hill Chapel, Leeds, died Sep. 4, 1705. A choice young man of excellent parts and usefulness. Buried at New Church there, Sep. 7. N.R. He was ordained at Mr. Frankland's, Rathmel, May 26, 1698.

239 G. Lowe: died at Chapel le Frith, April, 1717. N.R.

See 181.

254 J. Grimshaw: died in Manchester, March, 1728. He had been Minister in Lancaster, but of late discomposed in mind, and unfit for his work. N.R. He preached a sermon at the Provincial Meeting of Ministers at Manchester, May 8, 1716, entitled "Rest from Rebels, &c." which was printed.

256 J. GILLIBRAND: a Trustee and probably Minister at Hesketh Lane Chapel in 1705. Minister at St Helen's, near Prescot, in 1780. His congregation at St. Helen's consisted of 697 persons, 54 of whom possessed County votes.

James, p. 22.

259 J. Fletcher: settled at Chapel le Frith, Derbyshire. 260 J. Clegg: Removed to Mr. Chorlton's Academy,

Manchester, March, 1699, on Mr. Frankland's death. Settled

at Chapel le Frith.

263 C. Basnet: minister at Liverpool, and Mrs. Cheney of Manchester married Feb. 9, 1714. N.R. In the two congregations at Liverpool, under the ministry of C. Basnet

and Richard Holt, were 1158 persons, 238 of whom were County-voters. James, p. 22.

264 R. Murray: Settled at Chester. Dr. T's List, p. 581. 265 J. Walmsley: removed to Mr. Chorlton's Academy,

April 15, 1699.

March 16, 1699. 268 R. KAY: ditto. 273 J. CROMPTON: ditto. May 18, 1699. 274 W. Pendlebury: ditto. April 6, 1699. "Minister at Mill Hill, Leeds, died at Bath, Sep. 23, 1729: a worthy useful man; a great loss to his family, congregation, and the Church of God." N.R. He published a small work, 1726, on the "Practical Influence of the Speculative Doctrine

consisted of 600 persons. Further notes in N.R.

276 J. Atkinson: entered Mr. Chorlton's Academy, Manchester, June 26, 1699. He settled at Cockermouth, and in 1708 published a small work on "Election." Became minister at Cockermouth, Oct. 5, 1701. In that congregation were 424 persons and 42 County-voters. See 281.

of Christianity Demonstrated." His congregation at Leeds

278 W. Woolstanholme: removed to Mr. Chorlton's Academy, (on the death of Mr. Frankland,) April 19, 1699. 279 R. Lessingham: minister at Newnham in Norfolk in

1715.

280 R. Chorley: removed to Mr. Chorlton's Academy, Feb. 20, 1699. He was a native of the North, preached for some time at Framlingham, Suffolk, and afterwards conformed in a lay capacity.

281 J. ATKINSON: removed to Mr. Chorlton's, June 26, 1699. Of Cockermouth, see 276, and 18 of Mr. Chorlton's.

284 J. Evans: (See Dr. Toulmin's List p. 582.) D.D., he completed his studies under Mr. Tim. Jollie. He first settled at Wrexham, and then removed to London. He completed the commentary on the Epistle to the Romans which Mr. Henry left unfinished at his death. See his Life and Character, Wilson's Hist. Vol. 2, p. 211, 221. He died May 16, 1720, in the 51st year of his age.

286 T. Wainman: minister at Bingley. His congregation consisted of 250 persons, 21 of whom had votes for Countymembers. James, p. 41. Mr. John Wainman was minister at Pudsey in 1729, when he married Sarah Hollins, of Bramley, June 26, 1729. N.R. He was there also in 1715. See

also Noncon, in Idle.

286 J. NIGHTINGALE: removed to Mr. Chorlton's Academy Feb. 20, 1699. At Elswick in 1703, died in 1705. See Church book at Wymond Houses.

287 D. Maddocks: see Toulmin's List p. 582-3.

288 W. Perkins: minister at Newton, near Manchester, died Nov., 1726. N.R. His congregation consisted of 375 persons, 23 of whom possessed County-votes. James, p. 22.

291 E. Aray: He became minister at Forton Chapel, near Lancaster, and when turned out of the Episcopal Chapel (? Shirehead) his friends built the dissenting chapel there in 1707. He died Ap. 29, 1729, and was buried there, but there is no memorial over his grave. He buried a son, Amos, who died in the 10th year of his age, Oct. 15, 1721, over whom there is a stone.

Rev. Jas. Grimshaw, minister at Forton died March 20, 1738, in the 97th year of his age. [In 1868, when I spent a pleasant day at Forton, Mr. Massey was minister. He had married, in Sierra Leone, a coloured lady, friend of my coloured College-chum, Joseph Claudius May.—J.H.T.]

292 J. BrownLow: removed to Mr. Chorlton's Academy,

Manchester, May 29, 1699.

294 T. Benyon: minister at Shrewsbury, died March 4, 1708, aged abt 38. A man of pure parts. He was M.D. N.R.

295 J. Lawron: minister at Liverpool, died May 7, 1706, buried May 10. A young man who had preached about 5 years, and was married May 10, 1705. N.R.

298 J. Grace: after Mr. Frankland's death, entered Mr.

Chorlton's Academy, May 30, 1699.

299 J. Herwood: minister at Blakeley, married to Mrs. Mary Milne, of Rochdale, July 7, 1709. N.R. Buried at Blakeley, Jan. 28, 1731, a great loss to the congregation and his family. N.R. His congregation consisted of 224 persons, 12 of whom had County-votes. James' Pamphlet, p. 22.

301 R. Tetley: afterwards under Mr. J. Chorlton, Manchester, Feb. 18, 1699. He became minister at Rainford, near Liverpool. His congregation consisted of 665 persons,

63 of whom had County-votes.

303 J. Taures: Towers. Mr. Jno. Towers was minister at Hopton. His wife went to Hull to see her daughter, Mrs. Mill, and died there, May, 1743. The daughter also died in the same month. N.R.

304 D. Bainon.

[305] DAVID SOME: See Toulmin's List, 583-4.

Mr. Frankland died Oct. 1, 1698, aged 58.

"Soon after Mr. Frankland's removal from Attercliffe, the Rev. Tim. Jollie, minister of the Dissenters at Sheffield, having taken the Hall at Attercliffe, established an Academy on a similar plan to Mr. Frankland's whose pupil he had been." Hunter's Hallamshire, 247.

Mr. Chorlton's Students.

3 J. Nightingale: Elswick in 1703, died in 1705.

4 J. Clegg: Chapel le Frith. James Clegg, Nonconformist Minister, married Ann Champion, Feb. 24, 1703.—

Register at Chapel en le Frith.

7 S. Audland: minister at Kendal in 1713. He preached a sermon, which was printed, on the death of Mr. John Noble, at Penruddock, near Penrith, March 14, 1708. An appendix is added to the sermon by another hand containing an account of Mr. Noble, who had been an eminent man, and a deacon of the Church in that place.

11 J. Cowper: minister at Hyde, near Denton, Lancashire, died April 26, 1731. N.R. He had 674 persons in his Congregation, 65 of whom possessed county-votes.

James, p. 10.

†13 J. Crompton: died about Aug. 1703. Minister at Cockey Chapel, Lancaster. Mr. Matthew Henry says "he was a man of great worth and humility." A Mr. John Crompton died minister at Doncaster, 1734. This probably is the person and not the former.

18 J. Atkinson: See 281 of Mr. Frankland's List. After leaving the Academy he was for some time at Crook. He succeeded Mr. Geo. Larkham, in 1701, at Cockermouth.

 $_{*}^{*}$. There was a Thomas Benson, minister at Haughton Tower, in 1716, and at Tanley in 1746. He was a Trustee of Bispham Chapel.

[†]Also a Thomas Cooper, minister at Bispham in 1716, and at Forton in 1746. A Trustee for Bispham Chapel. He was buried at Forton: "Here lieth the body of the Rev. Thomas Cooper, A.M., who died 15th November, 1746, aged 56."

From Heywood's MSS.*

Preachers or Scholars bred up in the University, born in

this Vicarage of Halifax, formerly or of late years.

1 Dr. Hoyle, that famous man, great scholar, master of the College of Dublin, went after to Oxford, had preferment there, intimate with the learned Archb. Usher. He died in or about 1660.

2 Dr. Greenwood, (brother of Jno. G. of Redbrink in Sowerby,) was long Master of Brazenose Coll., Oxford, turned out when the King came in: d. at Steeple Ashton, 1670.

3 Mr. NATH. HOYLE, living in Ireland, a Nonconfor-

mist, since dead.

4 Mr. Danl. Greenwood of Steeple Ashton in Oxfordshire, died suddenly, A.D. 1680.

5 Mr. Kershaw, parson of Ripley in Yorkshire, d. 1687.

6 Mr. Daniel Bentley (brother of Eli,) Minister of Sowerby Bridge, dead.

10 Mr. Gledhill, of Norland, was preacher at Moorfield,

dead.

11 Mr. Robinson of Bowood, brought up 3 sons, Josiah, John, Joshua; first and last dead.

12 Mr. Bramley, schoolmaster at Sowerby, but very vain.

13 Mr. Ratcliff, John R's son of Sowerby, fellow in a College, d. 1690.

Mr. Hindle, born in Halifax.

Mr. Foster, brought up by D. Whiteh....

Mr. Mitchell, born at Booths town. A Nonjuror, and came down, preached at Halifax, Aug. 27, 1699, about the

afflictions of Joseph, highly applauded.

John Heywood, Eliezer Heywood, Benj. Denton, Jon. Wright, Nat. Priestley, Isaac Bates, Jonas Blamires, Jeremiah Bairstow; all Non-conformists.

Sowerby Curates.

Mr. Bevel, turned out of Monk Fryston for Nonconformity. Mr. Booker, long time Nonconformist, lived at Blackley in Lancashire, alas! is too conformable in tippling and profane courses, as I am credibly informed, and is quite fallen off from preaching.

^{*}Hunter's MSS., Brit. Mus., by favour of the Rev. B. Dale, M.A.

Sowerby Bridge.

Mr. Milner (Jeremiah), born at Skircoat, Minister at my first coming, became afterwards Minister at the New Church, Leeds.

GEO. THOMPSON was minister there, stayd not long. Be-

came Non-conformist, died at Bury in Lanc., 1674.

Ripponden.

Old Mr. ALLEN.

MR. KENION.

Mr. Wood, from Saddleworth, who for a while was wonderfully peremptory against conformity, and seemed to be somewhat () but is fallen off fearfully into vain courses, and debauchery, there he is. Mr. Ralph Wood was buried at Ripponden, Feb. 16, 1696-7.

Geptonstall.

I remember Mr. Critchlaw (an ancient man,) at Crostone, a good scholar, but not much accounted of. And there was one Mr. Hey there. And at Heptonstall some of the Towns, and now Mr. Daniel Town, whose wife and he cannot agree.

Chapel-le-Brears.

One Mr. Clegg, &c., but they have proved so bad that they are not worth naming. Now they are without a minister, going to worship at Halifax, or coming to hear me, (1681.)

Rastrick.

Mr. Kay, (Conformist.)

After him came some whom I have forgotten till Mr. Robinson, an old man, inclined to Anti-nomianism, accounted an honest man, turned out upon Non-conformity in 1662. He died there not long ago, having taught school there, breeding two sons, scholars. Several also have been there a short season, of no great worth or use.

Lightcliffe.

At L. there has been a great number of wretched drunken preachers in my time, as any I have known in any one place.

1 Mr. Ainsworth. 2 Mr. Heald, m. Nathan Whitley's sister, who is, I think, in Ireland. 3 Mr. Bell, a wretched

Scotchman, yet could have spoken well. 4 Mr. Hopkins, an old friend of mine in Camb., but a monstrous drunkard, and had a prodigious end. 5 Mr. Ardsley, afterwards, as formerly, vicar of Batley, whom I have seen but once, and he was drunk, and they say he was asleep in the pulpit at L. 6 Mr. Seddon, a drunkard and hunter, who died at Beeston, and desired to be buried on the North side of the chapel in view of the alehouse he haunted. [The north side of the chapel yard was reserved for the unbaptized, the suicide, and heretics.] 7 Mr. Alexr. Bates. 8 Mr. Paul Bairstow is there now, who was schoolmaster at Sowerby, and made a jeering copy of verses upon old Mr. Root, and caused a scholar to cast them upon his coffin, when he was a-putting into the grave. They fell down at my feet, wherein there was a horrid abuse of the good old man, though his father Michael B. was one of Mr. R's church at Sowerby. This young man preacheth at L. and teacheth school for Mr. Threapland, (Hipperholm), is tabled at Jas. Mitchell's at Crownest, and it is said he is a wild blade. O Lord purify the son of Levi! Now he is tabled at N. Whitley's at Rooks, gone away, Mr. Bairstow went and listed a soldier for Flanders, sold his Books, went away 1676, what's become of him I cannot learn.

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Samuel Angier: in Davids' Essex, pp. 581-3.

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BRIAN WALTON, Čleveland, 1600: Essex, p. 453. HENRY WILKINSON, Aldwick, 1616: Essex, p. 578-9.

Elkanah Wales: Nonconformity in Idle; Halley, p. 548.

Hunter's Heywood has a good, but not perfect, index.

Slate's Heywood: no index.

Hotes from Thoresby.

Mr. Thoresby had, in his valuable museum at Leeds, several Manuscripts referring to Heywood's time. Amongst them were three of Elkanah Wales' sermons, Life and Death of Mr. Wales, notes of nine sermons preached by Mr. Marsden at Coley, 1622, sermons preached at the Halifax Exercises by Boyes, Elk. Wales, and others, the manuscript

of Heywood's Life of Angier, a diary of the Rev. O. Heywood (the gift of Mr. Jonathan Priestley), extracts from other of Mr. Heywood's Diaries. Some of Mr. Heywood's MSS. were then in the hands of D. Priestley, and it is very likely that some straggling volume still lingers near Halifax, a very tantalizing thought to the Editor hereof,-"So near, and yet so far away." A few notes from these manuscripts will be found in *Ducatus Leodiensis*, viz.—"R. Kershaw's daughter, of Wyke, had a monster child," which is described. "William Kitchin's daughter of Lightcliffe, who, having lived at Mr. F's at W., came home with child, which she bore Dec., 1680, the women present affirm that it had two heads, but it died shortly." "The wife of James Butterworth who was fifty years old when married, was ten years without child, then bore one, whom they called Benjamin, when she was sixty and her husband seventy years of age." "Mr. Thomas Smalwood, (of Idle,) my neighbour Atkinson's Father in law, being a chaplain in the Parliament's Army in the late wars, would sometimes out-brave the soldiers, being able to take up at the arm's length, three pikes tied together, which requires a greater strength than can be supposed without trial." Then follows a long account (p. 148) of the extraordinary memory of Dorothy Dixon, of Leeds, who became the wife of the Rev. Jonathan Wright, of Lightcliffe, both of whom are buried in Halifax Church yard. "Jer. Bairstow, servant to Mr. Abraham Hall, of Booths Town, thrashed twelve sacks of corn in eight days time, but never looked up after, fell sick, continued about 14 days, and was buried at Halifax, Dec. 1675." "John King, of Hipperholme, buried Jan. 11th, 1675, aged 73, won great wagers as an archer. Being victor at Manchester in the late times, some of the gentry made him be carried upon the shoulders of men, and cried-'A King, a King,' which exasperated the republicans, who cried-'Treason, a plot.' "The daughter of Sir E. Rhodes is reported as being occasionally dumb." "The Jolly Rant, an infectious, influenza, with cough, visited Halifax and district in 1675." "W. S. buried a child of small pox, Dec. 2, 1681, and the week after had two more laid dead in the house." "July, 1699, an old man mows daily, though ninety years of age, and a youth who lives near with many grey hairs though but ten or eleven years old."

Meywood Tablets.

Probably owing to the carelessness of Mr. Heywood's sons, or of Mr. Priestley, his executor, there is no monumental stone to one of Halifax's greatest worthies in the Parish Church, where, (in the South Chapel, it is believed,) the Rev. Oliver Heywood was interred. Coley Church has not a monument to his memory, and perhaps there would have been great obstacles if any attempt had been made to erect one there. Northowram Chapel has become with due respect to his memory, Heywood Chapel, since the re-building in this century, and has no monument erected to him, except the stone bearing the monogram, O H, placed on the first structure by himself, and Northowram needs no further memorial. The Northgate-end Chapel at Halifax has two family memorial slabs, bearing the following inscriptions:

Væ Mihi Ši Non Prædicavero.

Olivervs Heywood

Lancastrensis Academie Cantabrigiensis alumnus in ordinem V. D. M. per Impositionem Manuum Presbyterii, more Primitivo co-optatus A.D. MDCLII.

ineunte etate accepit eum hœc parochia ubi in Capellatu Coleyensi Pastoris officium summa fidelitate exercuit donec cum fratribus suis disciplinæ

Presbyterianæ beneficio ejectus est xxivo die mensis Augusti A.D.

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post nefastum illum diem durante vita indesinenter Evangelium per omnem Halifaxiam prædicavit præcipue inter Coleyenses multa patiens inconcussus vixit divinis promissis innixus in pace decessit A.D. MDCCII in Templo vicino exuviæ deponuntur

In domo hac ubi vox frequenter est audita Anna Astley Nestis Nepotis ejus, cum Ricardo Astley conjuge suo nunc tandem haud sine numine huc reversa hoc monumentum posuit

nomen quoque inscripsit Annæ Heywood matris carissimæ quæ obiit
A.D. MDCCCXXV et intra

hos muros placide est composita.

On a brass plate:—

Ann Heywood relict of Samuel Heywood, Esq., Attorney at Law in Nottingham, descendant in the third degree from Oliver Heywood one of the Founders of the Presbyterian Churches in this neighbourhood. She died Feb. v. MDCCC XXV, aged LXXII.

(The words "and Independent" might well have been inserted between the words *Presbyterian* and *Churches*.)

In the ruinous old church of Kirk Braddan, near Douglas, my eye caught sight of a tablet recording the deaths of some of Mr. Nathaniel Heywood's descendants:

"In Memoriam. Peter John Heywood, Esquire, formerly of the Nunnery, a Deemster of this Isle, died Feb. 6th, 1790,

aged 49, and is buried under this church.

Jane daughter of the above, and relict of the Rev. William James Aislabie, M.A., Rector of Holywell, Hunts., died Sept. 28, 1856, aged 79, buried in the cemetery.

Erected by E. C. Fleetwood and Elizabeth (née Heywood)

his wife."

In the damp, neglected yard at Kirk Onchan are the imposing vaults belonging to Deemster Heywood's family.

"In this vault are interred the remains of Elinor, wife of Deemster Heywood, who departed this life on the 18th of February, 1820, aged 28 years. Also of Elizabeth, second wife of Deemster Heywood, who departed this life on the 9th

of March, 1843, aged 47 years."

"In this sepulchre are deposited the remains of Elizabeth Heywood, wife of Robert Heywood, Esq., daughter of John Joseph Bacon, Esq., who departed this life —— 30th, 1793, aged (). Hester Heywood, daughter of Robert H., by Margaret his first wife, died July, 1796, aged 25. Robert Heywood, Esq., departed this life August 31st, 1808, aged 69. Calcott son of the said Robert, by his first wife Margaret, departed this life Dec. 11th, 1851, aged 75."

"Mary relict of Alexander Bertwhistle, Esq., Duncleugh, Galloway, Scotland, departed this life June 5, 1831, aged 52."
"John Hickman Daly, Esq., died July 22nd, 1870, aged

61. William Rowan Daly, his son, died 1872, aged 20."

In Bolton Churchyard is a cluster of six or seven gravestones of the Heywoods. Mr. Owen sends me the copy of one:—"Peter Heywood of Little Lever departed this life April 23rd, 1694. Susan his wife died August 10th, 1714, Ellen wife of Thomas Heywood died June 6th, 1802, aged 33 years." The Northowram Register refers to this Peter, page 64. He was married at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, August 26th, 1662, by license, to Susan Mather, of Radcliffe parish.

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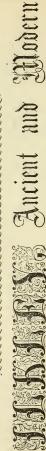


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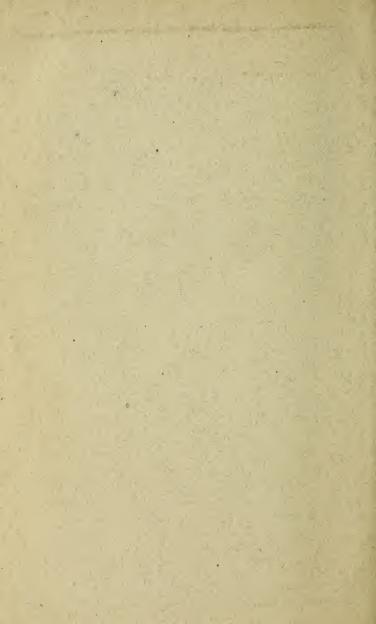
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